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INSPIRE Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE)

The INSPIRE Scholarship for Higher Education from the Department of Science and Technology supports meritorious students who study basic and natural sciences at degree level and want a research career.

What you may get

Rs 80,000 a year: Rs 5,000 a month (Rs 60,000 in total) as scholarship plus a summer mentorship grant of Rs 20,000 for a research project. 12,000 scholarships are announced each year. Support lasts up to five years or until the course ends, whichever is earlier, and is paid by direct benefit transfer.

Who it is for

Students in the top 1% of their Class XII board exam, or with top JEE or NEET ranks, KVPY, NTSE, JBNSTS or Olympiad credentials, who study natural and basic sciences at BSc, BS or integrated MSc level.

Main conditions

- Eligible students are those in the top 1% of the Class XII board exam of any State or Central board, or with JEE ranks or AIPMT ranks within the top 10,000, or selected under KVPY, or NTSE, JBNSTS or international Olympiad awardees.
- The student must study a natural or basic science such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology or statistics at BSc, BS, BSc with Research (4 years) or integrated MSc or MS level.
- Engineering, medicine, agriculture, computer science, biotechnology, distance education and other professional courses are not supported.
- Only candidates who finished Class XII and joined the science course in the same year can apply.
- Continuing the scholarship depends on good exam results and the recommendation of the head of the institution.
- The scholarship is paid into a savings account in the scholar's own name in State Bank of India linked with Aadhaar.

Documents

- Class XII mark sheets
- Class X mark sheet or certificate as proof of date of birth
- Endorsement certificate signed by the Principal, Director or Registrar, on the prescribed form
- Certificate of rank or award in JEE, NEET, KVPY, NTSE, JBNSTS or Olympiad, where the student applies on that basis

How to apply

1. Watch the INSPIRE web portal for the call for applications, which is announced there.
2. Apply online only, on the INSPIRE portal, and upload the required documents. Incomplete applications are rejected.
3. Selection usually takes at least four months. Selected students get a provisional offer letter on the portal and must upload the remaining documents within the time in the letter.

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