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Nagaland State Merit Scholarship

Nagaland gives a yearly merit scholarship to indigenous students studying after Class 10 who score well in their last exam, with higher amounts for professional courses and hostellers.

What you may get

The yearly amount depends on the class, the type of course and whether the student is a day scholar or a hosteller. It adds an obligatory fee, a book grant and a monthly stipend. For example, a Class 11 day scholar in a general course gets Rs 10,100, and a postgraduate hosteller renewing the scholarship gets Rs 22,900.

Who it is for

Indigenous inhabitants of Nagaland who study above Class 10 in a recognised institution and have the minimum percentage in their last qualifying exam.

Main conditions

- The applicant must be an indigenous resident of Nagaland studying above Class 10 in a recognised institution. A non-indigenous person permanently settled in Nagaland can apply after finishing in the top 10 positions of a Board or University within Nagaland.
- A fresh applicant must be in the first year of the course and must have at least 80 percent in the last exam for Class 11, Diploma or a bachelor's degree, or at least 70 percent in graduation for B.Ed. and postgraduate courses.
- A renewal applicant must be a last year's beneficiary continuing in the same course, with at least 80 percent for Class 12 and Diploma years or 70 percent for degree and postgraduate years.
- Students who failed the last exam are not eligible, and the applicant must not get any other scholarship or hold a government or semi-government job.
- Diploma or certificate courses must run for at least two years.

Documents

- Attested copy of the Class 10 mark sheet
- Attested copy of the mark sheets of the last qualifying exams
- Attested copy of the Scheduled Tribe certificate and Indigenous certificate
- Part B form in original, only for students studying outside Nagaland
- Permanent Residential Certificate, for non-indigenous inhabitants
- Hostel certificate, for hostellers only
- Copy of the front page of the applicant's own bank passbook

How to apply

1. Apply online on the Nagaland Common Scholarship Portal (scholarship.nagaland.gov.in) between 1 August 2026 and 31 October 2026.
2. Print the submitted form and attach the documents. Students studying in Nagaland give it to their institution for verification.
3. Students studying outside Nagaland send the printout and documents by speed post or by hand to the Scholarship Section, Directorate of Higher Education, Kohima, by 30 November 2026.
4. Use a bank account in the applicant's own name. A minor should open a joint account with the applicant's name first.

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