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Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh-SARTHI Higher Education Scholarship within India (2026-27)

A scholarship for Maratha and Kunbi students who win admission to one of 200 top institutions in India, paying their fees and giving a yearly grant. Applications are open until 27 October 2026.

What you may get

The full tuition, exam and other institute fees are paid through the institution, and hostel and mess charges are paid as set by the institute. Day scholars get a maintenance allowance under central post-matric rules. Every student also gets Rs 10,000 a year: Rs 5,000 for books and Rs 5,000 for other study costs.

Who it is for

Students from the Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi and Kunbi-Maratha groups who live in Maharashtra, have family income under Rs 8 lakh and have been admitted full time to a listed institution.

Main conditions

- Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi or Kunbi-Maratha, and a Maharashtra resident.
- Family income for 2025-26 under Rs 8 lakh. The 300 seats are split equally across the bands up to Rs 3 lakh, Rs 3 to 5 lakh and Rs 5 to 8 lakh.
- Full-time admission to a listed institution through its entrance test, in the first year of a degree or the second year for diploma holders.
- Age up to 25 for a degree and up to 30 for a postgraduate course.
- At least 55 percent in Class 12, or in the diploma or degree for postgraduate courses.

Documents

- Application in the prescribed format
- Maharashtra domicile certificate
- Proof of caste
- Income proof for 2025-26: income certificate, Form 16 or income tax return of parents
- Class 12 marksheet and leaving certificate, and marksheets of any diploma or degree
- Admission letter from the institution
- Aadhaar and Aadhaar-linked bank details

How to apply

1. Applications are open online from 28 September to 27 October 2026, 6 pm. Use the undergraduate or postgraduate form link on the SARTHI announcement page.
2. Post the original application and documents to SARTHI in Pune by 27 October 2026, 6 pm.
3. For help call 020-25592502 or write to sarthipune@gmail.com.

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