

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from EdCIL (India) Limited

We are happy to inform you that Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has announced SPDC (Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children) applications for **Academic Year 2021-2022**. The scheme is applicable to NRIs, PIOs/OCIs and Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries living in 69 selected countries. EdCIL (India) Limited a Public sector undertaking, A Govt of India enterprise under Ministry of Education is the implementing agency for the scheme.

SPDC is awarded to the following four categories:

- (a) Children of PIOs/OCIs.
- (b) Children of NRIs.
- (c) Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries studied outside India.
- (d) Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries studied in India

\*ECR countries - {Afghanistan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Yemen and United Arab Emirates}

Under SPDC, financial assistance will be given to the above four category students for pursuing under-graduation courses in India (except Medical and related courses). Under the scholarship tuition fee, admission fee and post admission services except food charges will be covered. **The scheme is applicable to the fresh year students (01<sup>st</sup> year) only. Total No of Scholarships = 150.**

**INCOME CRITERIA:** Income criteria will be applicable to all categories of candidates i.e. NRIs, PIOs/OCIs and Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries. The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the candidate should not exceed an amount equivalent to US Dollars Five thousand (US\$ 5000). The applicants' parents will provide a self-attested salary certificate from the employer.

Only Candidates securing admission in undergraduate courses in any of the following are eligible to apply for SPDC:-

- Central Universities of India offering Under Graduate Courses;
- 'A' Grade Institutions accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognized by UGC
- National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Schools of Planning and Architecture and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) through DASA Scheme

**For Detailed Guidelines and application form please visit SPDC portal <https://spdcindia.gov.in>**

Applicant shall submit application form online on the SPDC portal (<https://spdcindia.gov.in>) and upload the required documents on the portal itself. Only online application forms will be accepted

**Last Date for submission of Completed Application Form online on SPDC portal is 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

The Institute is hereby requested to kindly promote the SPDC scheme in your institute and kindly direct this mail to all fresh year (1<sup>st</sup> year) students of NRIs, PIOs/OCIs and Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries to apply for the SPDC scheme. Also request you to kindly send us the contact details {Name, Mail ids} of NRIs, PIOs/OCIs and Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries of fresh year (1<sup>st</sup> year) students to provide further information.

With kind Regards,

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