

## All Your Doubts- Clarified here

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## Letter of Recommendation:

1. Are referees contacted by you directly or do we upload their LOR?
  - Please note that no documents are required at the application stage.
  - Applicants are required to share the documents including LOR's only if they are shortlisted for the final interview stage. Applicants need to contact the referees and upload the LOR on the scholarship portal. The referees can also email us the LOR directly on [pgscholarship@nsfoundation.co.in](mailto:pgscholarship@nsfoundation.co.in)
  - All reference letters MUST BE on a letterhead, signed and sealed/stamped or from an official/company email address to [pgscholarship@nsfoundation.co.in](mailto:pgscholarship@nsfoundation.co.in)
  
2. One of my referees has also moved on to a different organization from our shared past organization. Is it okay if the reference comes from the official email ID of his new organization but it is clearly mentioned on his linkedin pages and reference letter about our shared work experience together
  - Yes, the referee will require you to share the LOR from their current business email ID mentioning about working with you in the previous organisation with their designation. They need to share the link to their LinkedIn Profile as and when required for cross-check.
  - Please note, we do not require any document or LORs at the application stage.
  
3. Are there any restrictions on who can furnish the LoR - is it okay if it is given by a professor or supervisor from an internship who isn't associated with the university we attended?
  - The LOR if academic needs to be from the Professor associated with the College/Institute or University.
  
4. I am working with an individual who is working on a consultant basis. Can my LOR be on the letterhead of the individual and not the organisation?
  - The LOR can be shared from the Individual's Business Email ID mentioning their designation and LinkedIn Profile.
  - Please note, we do not require any document or LORs at the application stage.

5. In the case of LOR, can we add my faculty email ID's and does it need to be on official letterhead? I also want to know whether it's possible to upload LOR's directly to the portal, instead of requesting them.
- Please note that no documents are required at the application stage. Applicants are required to share the documents including LOR's only if they are shortlisted for the final interview stage.
  - Applicants need to contact the referees and upload the LOR on the scholarship portal. The referees can also email us the LOR directly on [pgscholarship@nsfoundation.co.in](mailto:pgscholarship@nsfoundation.co.in)
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## **Payments / Funds:**

6. Is there an upper limit to the amount that is awarded for scholarship?  
There is no upper or lower limit to the amount that is awarded for scholarship.
7. Is the amount debited to the student or directly to the college/uni?  
The scholarship amount is disbursed in the scholar's Indian Savings bank account in Indian rupees upon arrival at the university.
8. Does the scholarship cover any other expenses beyond the tuition fees?  
The foundation offers full & part scholarship towards the tuition fees.
9. Will the amount be credited to the students savings account at one go or instalments?  
The scholarship amount is credited to the scholar's Indian bank account in one instalment if the duration of the course is 1 year or below. However, if the duration of course is more than one year then it will be credited in 2 equal instalments after submission of the grade sheet of the 1<sup>st</sup> year.

10. When will the scholarship amount be disclosed?  
The scholarship amount will be disclosed by the end of June.
11. Any minimum income required for the guarantee  
There is no minimum income required for the guarantor.
12. Does this scholarship only cover fees? Or both living costs  
This scholarship covers only tuition fees

### **Applications:**

13. Are there any guidelines as to what the Statement of Purpose should cover?  
The guidelines for the Statement of Purpose are mentioned in the application form itself.
14. How does this categorise as a scholarship if it is required for scholars to pay back?  
This is 100% merit based repayable Interest free financial assistance which comes along with benefits like scholar network and mentoring program. These benefits do not come along with a loan.
15. What are the various questions the applicant has to answer as part of the application form?  
In application part 1, applicants need to provide their personal & academic details. In application part 2, they are required to furnish details about their professional experience (if any), their internship & projects, In application part 3, applicants are required to mention their proposed university & course, hobbies, extracurricular activities, SoP, & LoRs.
16. Approx how many students are awarded scholarships per year?  
Approximately 15-20 students are awarded scholarships every year.
17. Are applications reviewed on a rolling basis?  
No, Applications are not reviewed on a rolling basis. All applications are viewed only after the deadline.

18. Can we get an offline copy of the page 1 2 & 3 of the application? Or is it only visible after paying 500rs

Scholarship applications can be filled only through an online form. The access to the full application form will be received after payment of mandatory & non-refundable registration fee.

19. I have mistakenly filled in the wrong DOB on my registration form; however I have corrected it on the final application (still not submitted), would that be an issue moving on?

There should not be any problem. Applicant can go ahead and fill the application form

20. For the application part 1, as an engineering student we cover a lot of subjects each year. Is it okay to cover each subject separated by semicolon, and use acceptable short forms to be able to fit in all the subjects?

Yes, it is advised to use abbreviations of the subjects so that applicants can mention all the subjects they studied.

21. If shortlisted, how much time will be given to submit the documents?

Ideally 2 weeks' time is granted to applicants for submission of documents, if shortlisted.

22. If one of our recommenders is working earlier, working with us now switched to some other place, then we have to mention the designation at the current company/university or the designation which they had when they worked with the company in which we are working now?

This is a repeated question. Please check the LOR section.

23. If I attach an acceptance offer from one University and then later on get an offer from a better University, would it affect my scholarship?

No, it won't affect the scholarship as far as you have mentioned the waitlisted university in application part 3.

24. I have a query regarding the test score submission – how do I fill in the details asked if I'm awaiting the result which will be announced after the scholarship deadline?

Applicants need to select the "Currently pursuing" option at the beginning of the year mentioned in the application. You can write previous semesters grades or SGPA Or you can also write previous years CGPA.

25. I have completed a fellowship program (PGDP) after my bachelor's degree, but it does not have a CGPA. How can I include it in my application?

You can write NA and proceed further

26. Is the application on a rolling basis? Is there any condition of first-cum-first-serve basis?

The applications are not reviewed on a rolling basis. All the applications are viewed only after the deadline.

27. Is there a technical interview for the subject I'm choosing

Yes, if shortlisted, there will be a technical interview for the subject the applicant is choosing.

## Documents:

28. Also, can it briefly cover how we should be covering the CGPA and the durations for a 4-year course such as Engineering. I have currently filled in the CGPA for each year the duration as one year each for each of the courses.

Please mention it as per your grade sheet. If your College/University provides yearly CGPA/SCGPA then please mention that or else the CGPA mentioned at the end of the course.

29. I don't have CGPA for each year, rather I have SGPA for each semester, so shall I take the average of SGPA of both semesters for a year and mention it as there is only 1 blank space for each year?

Please mention it as per your grade sheet. If your College/University provides yearly CGPA/SCGPA then please mention that or else the CGPA mentioned at the end of the course.

30. Do we have to submit one school and program at the time of the application? I will be applying to multiple schools

Applicants can mention up to 10 preferred universities in application part 3.

31. I got a B.A.LLB. degree and my final transcript does not have a separate year-wise GPA, but only a five-year CGPA. I can calculate my yearly GPA myself using my grades, however, this is not officially mentioned in the transcript. Would that work?

Please mention it as per your grade sheet. If your College/University provides yearly CGPA/SCGPA then please mention that or else the CGPA mentioned at the end of the course.

32. Without gre or gmat score is this possible to apply for this scholarship?

Yes, applicants can apply without GRE & GMAT scores.

### Who Can Apply:

33. If I apply for a Canadian top-ranking university, can I apply for this scholarship?

Yes, you can apply for the scholarship. Shortlisting is based on the overall quality of the application.

34. I am a deferred student. I hope I am eligible to apply?

Yes, provided the course commences this Fall Intake.

35. Applicants applying for courses under fine arts ( Example- MA PRINT, CONTEMPORARY ART PRACTICE) can apply?

No, Scholarship does not support Fine arts courses.

36. Are we eligible to apply if we are selected into a dual doctorate program (Doctorate from two universities like cotutelle program)?

Yes, the applicants are eligible to apply for scholarship if they are going for dual doctorate program

## General:

37. What are the statistics related to the number of people who apply and how many are accepted? Is there a way we can check the universities/profiles of ex scholars?

Details regarding the same can be found in the Scholar Network section on our website <https://pg.nsfoundation.co.in/scholar-network/>

38. What is the maximum amount awarded by the scholarship?

There is no upper limit. The Foundation offers full and part scholarships towards the tuition fees

39. How is the amount for the award fixed?

This is internal however it is fixed basis various factors including the tuition fees for proposed course of study, etc.

40. Can I change the university if I get admitted from a better university after the deadline?

Yes you can, however it is advised to list all the Universities that you have applied to/applying to in order of preference. You can list up to 10 universities.

41. The slide shared mentioned that interviews will be conducted by subject matter experts. Does this mean SME in the field of study during my bachelors, or, the field of study that I plan on pursuing during my Masters?

The interview will be conducted by both Subject Matter Experts.

42. Why should we take a life insurance policy and assign the NS Foundation as the beneficiary? Can this be avoided?

This is a term insurance towards the scholarship amount in the case of the scholar's death during the course or at the time of repayment. Therefore, the policy needs to be assigned to the Foundation



43. Are the yearly installments for repaying the loan subject to change based on the preference/ situation of the awardees? As long as we pay within 4 years.

No, the repayment needs to be done as per the schedule in the signed agreement by scholar and guarantor.

44. How should the bifurcated amount be repaid? Lump sum every year or divided monthly over the year?

The repayment needs to be done as per the schedule in the signed agreement by scholar and guarantor. It is a lump sum amount that will be paid every year.

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