



2016 Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) Announcement India and Nepal

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), is pleased to announce the opening of the 2016 Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP). The TSP is sponsored by ECA and administered through a Cooperative Agreement with The Tibet Fund, in collaboration with the Central Tibetan Administration's (CTA) Department of Education (DOE). Applications will be accepted from eligible Tibetan refugees residing in India and Nepal for two-year Master's degree programs in the United States, pending availability of funds. Application forms are available below.

TSP Application and Selection Process:

1. Applicants should be born on or after January 1, 1980.
2. Applicants must have completed at least four years of academic work, after Class XII including a Bachelor's Degree, from a recognized university in India and Nepal. Partial computer courses, vocational training and diplomas from a recognized academic institution.
3. Applicants must have secured a minimum of 50 percent in their Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree programs.
4. Applicants who completed or are pursuing their **M. Phil or Ph.D degree** will not be considered for the TSP, as they are over qualified for the program.
5. The final selection panel, chaired by the designated Public Affairs Officer for the TSP at the U.S. Embassies in India and Nepal, will interview all viable candidates nominated by the CTA's DOE and the TSP Student Selection Committee (TSPSSC) in Nepal.
6. During the pre-selection process, TSP applicants **will not be required to submit TOEFL scores** along with the application package.
7. The CTA's DOE and the TSP SSC in Nepal will finalize the list of applicants to take the General Written Test on Tibetan Culture and History (GWTT). Applicants must secure a minimum of 17 points out of 50 in the GWTT in order to qualify for the final interview.
8. **General Written Test on Tibetan Culture and History (GWTT):** Applicants will have the option to take the GWTT in Tibetan and English. Those applicants who take the test in Tibetan will receive four (4) grace points towards the total points scored.
9. **Selection Criteria for Interviews:** Applicants will be selected to be interviewed for the TSP award if they secure a minimum of 50 percent on their aggregated scores from the GWTT and Academic Performance.
10. During the interview process, the panel will develop a short list of 15 applicants from India and five (5) applicants in Nepal, to take the TOEFL internet based test (ibt). A minimum score of 90 out of 120 is required for the application to receive further consideration. The Institutional Code for the Educational Testing Service (ETS)'s official score reporting for the Tibet Fund DI code is 9892.
11. **Final Selection of TSP Cohort:** Final Selection of the TSP cohort will be based on the total score the applicant has achieved in TOEFL ibt test, GWTT and academic achievement.
12. Final selected participants will be required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) as determined by their field of study and graduate program requirements of the U.S. host institutions.



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SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS & CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP:

1. **Photo:** Applicants must submit one passport size photo.
2. **Resume and a Short Essay:** The applicant must submit a copy of his/her resume and a short essay, no more than 500 -700 words, explaining why you are applying for the Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) and what you hope to achieve from participating in this program.
3. **Registration Certificate (RC) / Refugee Certificate (RC):**
 - **TSP Applicants in India:** Applicants must submit photocopies of his/her Registration Certificate (RC), and that of his/her parents and spouse (if married).
 - **TSP Applicants in Nepal:** Applicants who reside in Nepal must have a Refugee Certificate (RC). If an applicant does not possess a RC, then he/she can submit either one of their parent's RC with the applicants' name stated in the document. In addition, the applicant must obtain a letter from his/her respective Settlement Officer, certifying that he/she is a Tibetan refugee residing in Nepal.
4. **Green Book:** The applicant must submit photocopies of his/her Green Book (identification documents), and that of his/her parents and spouse (if married). If parents or spouse are deceased, the applicant must submit a copy of their death certificate.
5. Applicants whose parents live in *Tibet or have passed away* must either produce a certificate from the Settlement Officer where the applicant currently lives stating that the applicant's parents are currently in Tibet or a death certificate.
6. **Academic Certificates:** Applicants must submit their college and university mark sheets and degree certificates.
7. **Attestation:** All documents submitted for the TSP must be attested either by a CTA gazette officer (the rank of Joint Secretary and above) or notarized by a Notary Officer/Settlement Officer.
8. **U.S. Visa:** *Participants will be required to apply for a J-1 exchange visitor visa from the U.S. Embassy. Selection as a TSP candidate does not guarantee approval for a visa. Applicants who have prior visa denials from the U.S. Embassy must inform The Tibet Fund, the CTA's DoE and the Tibetan Student Selection Committee (TSP SCC) in Nepal at the time of application.*
9. **No Objection Certificate:** If the applicant is serving at any institution, he or she should furnish a "No Objection Certificate" from his/her respective employer.
10. **Program:** Applicants should choose one major or program of study from the following fields. The fields of study specified below were identified based on the needs of the Tibetan community by the Central Tibetan Administration (in consultation with the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy and ECA). They are arranged in alphabetical order.

Fields of Study

- ✓ **Agriculture:** Hydroponics & Fungal Cultural (Mushroom), Soil & water Management
- ✓ **Business Administration:** Public Finance & Accounting, Banking Management, Human Resource Development/Marketing/Entrepreneurship
- ✓ **Commerce:** Auditing/cooperative education, Financial Accounting
- ✓ **Counseling:** School counseling, Mental health counseling, (Emotional Intelligence)
- ✓ **Development Planning**
- ✓ **Education:** Science Education, Curriculum in Teaching, ICT (Information communication technology), Multimedia Education, Educational Leadership, TESOL, Inclusive/special Needs Education,
- ✓ **Geography:** Demographic Studies
- ✓ **International Relation/Public Administration**
- ✓ **Inter-Religious Studies**
- ✓ **Law & Governance:** International Law, Labor Law, Human Rights, Resolution, Refugee & International Migration, Autonomy & Minority Rights & Multiculturalism,
- ✓ **Library and Information Studies** (Archival Science)
- ✓ **M. Sc:** Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology (only for B. Ed qualified teacher's)
- ✓ **Mass Media Communication**

- ✓ **Psychology:** School Education Psychology
- ✓ **Public Health:** Public Health General, Hospital and Health Management or
- ✓ Epidemiology and Health Informatics
- ✓ **Science & Technology:** computer Science, Cyber Security, Hardware / Software / Networking, Animation / Graphic Designing. Rain water harvesting,
- ✓ **Environment Studies,** Bio technology, Nuclear Energy, Food Technology, Waste management and Recycling Technology, Environment Science & Policy
- ✓ **Security and Intelligence Study:** Personal Security and Information Collection
- ✓ **Sinology:** Sinology and Chinese Studies
- ✓ **Social Work:**
- ✓ **Women Studies/Gender**
- ✓ **Public Policy**

Note: Applicants are directed to seek advice from DOE Chief Counselor Donker Wangmo with regard to the choice of majors. (email: doe.counseling@tibet.net)

11. **Application Deadline:** Interested applicants are responsible for submitting all application forms and other relevant documents to their respective jurisdiction on or **before March 31, 2015 at 5:00 pm.** Late or incomplete applications will not be considered after the deadline.
12. **Applicants from Nepal:** Applicants are required to submit their application and all supporting documents to TSP SSC Nepal, who have been appointed to administer the TSP selection process in Nepal separately. The pre and post selection of TSP Nepal recipients will be administered by TSP SSC Nepal under the direction of the Tibet Fund in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal.
13. **Applicants from India:** Applicants are required to submit their application and all supporting documents to CTA's Department of Education (DoE) who will administer the TSP selection process in India separately. The pre and post selection will be administered by CTA's DoE under the direction of the Tibet Fund in coordination with the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section in India.
14. **Points System:** The following scoring system will be used to calculate each short listed candidate's total score. Please see section below for details on the point system.

a) **TOEFL iBT with maximum allotted points of 20**

TOEFL iBT scores	Allotted points
90-91	7
92-93	8
94-95	9
96-97	10
98-99	11
100-101	12
102-103	13

TOEFL iBT scores	Allotted points
104-105	14
106-107	15
108-109	16
110-112	17
113-115	18
116-118	19
119-120	20

b) **GWTT with maximum allotted points of 20**

GWTT marks	Allotted points
17-18	7
19-20	8
21-22	9
23-24	10
25-26	11
27-28	12
29-30	13

GWTT marks	Allotted points
31-33	14
34-36	15
37-39	16
40-42	17
43-45	18
46-48	19
49-50	20

c) Academic Performance with maximum allotted points of 10

Academic Performance in Class XII (percentage scored)	Allotted points
50 - 55	1
56 - 60	2
61 - 65	3
66 - 70	4
71 - 100	5

Academic Performance in Bachelor Degree Program (percentage scored)	Allotted points
50-55	1
56 - 60	2
61 - 65	3
66 - 70	4
71 - 100	5

If you have any questions regarding the Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP), please send your queries to the attention of the Tibet Fund's TSP Program Coordinator, Tenzing Choephel Chumeeo at tchoephel@tibetfund.org or the CTA's DoE Scholarship Section at scholarship@tibet.net. For questions related to the TSP application process in Nepal, please contact Mr. Tsering Topgyal at tpsscnepal@ymail.com

TSP Applicants from India, please send your application materials to the following address

Secretary
Department of Education
Central Tibetan Administration
Gangchen Kyishong, Dist Kangra
Dharamsala - 176 215
(H.P.) INDIA
Tel: +91-1892-226695/222721/222572
Fax: +91-1892-223481
E-mail: scholarship@tibet.net
Website: www.sherig.org/www.tcewf.org

Applicants from Nepal, please send your application materials to the following address

Mr. Tsering Topgyal
Vice Chairman
TSP – Student Selection Committee Nepal
Snow Lion Foundation
PO Box no. 1313
Kathmandu. NEPAL
Tel: +977-1-5000036/5000002
Fax: 00977-1-5000048
tpsscnepal@ymail.com

Application form for Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP)

1. Applicant's Full Name (as it appears on your Travel Document and Academic Credentials):

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

2. Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ City & Country of Birth: _____

3. RC Number Date of Issue Place of Issue Valid Until
 _____ _____ _____ ____ / ____ / ____

4. Green Book Number Date of Issue Place of Issue Valid Until
 _____ _____ _____ ____ / ____ / ____

5. Current Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____

6. E-mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

7. Do you possess a Travel Document / IC? Yes No
 (If Yes, Please attach a copy of your IC)

8. If yes, what is the Travel Document Number / IC Number: _____

9. When does your IC expire: (MM/DD/YYYY): ____ / ____ / ____

10. Have you ever applied for a U.S. visa in the past? Yes No

11. If you have stated **YES**, please fill in the following details:

Date Applied	Category Applied	Visa Granted / Denied

Selection as a TSP candidate does not guarantee approval for a visa. Applicants who have prior visa denials from the U.S. Embassy must inform the Tibet Fund, CTA's DOE and TSP SSC Nepal at the time of the selection process.

12. Are you married? Yes: _____ No: _____ (If married fill in A, if not fill in B & C)

A. Spouse's Name Green Book # Date and Place of Issue Valid Until
 _____ _____ _____ ____ / ____ / ____

B. Father's Name Green Book # Date and Place of Issue Valid Until
 _____ _____ _____ ____ / ____ / ____

C. Mother's Name Green Book # Date and Place of Issue Valid Until
 _____ _____ _____ ____ / ____ / ____

13. Field of Study: _____

14. Explain briefly what you want to study in the field of study you have chosen:

15. Have you ever studied any subject related to that which you are applying?

16. **Academic Qualification:**

Name of Institution	Date of Attendance (From - To)	Type of Degree	Year of Completion	Percentage Achieved

17. **Work Experience:**

Employer Name and Address	Position	Dates (From - To)

18. **Special Achievements:**

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

19. How will you serve the community upon your return from the U.S. after the completion of your studies?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

20. How did you find out about the TSP? Do you have any suggestions about how awareness of the TSP could be increased within the Tibetan community in India, Nepal and Bhutan?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

21. Please answer the following questions:

- 1) Check here if you have ever applied to this program before.
- 2) Check here if you have been convicted of a felony or other crime.
- 3) Check here if you have been dismissed from any university for disciplinary reasons.
- 4) Check here if you have been dismissed from any university for academic reasons.
- 5) Check here if you ever left your school, were given a re-exam, or resigned from work for any reason.

(If you are selected to participate in the program, and you have checked one of the above items, you will be required to submit an explanation.)

Oath of Acceptance/ Commitment:

- I hereby assure that all of the information provided in the form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I take oath that I will abide by the TSP Terms and Conditions, which I will sign, if I am selected to receive a TSP award.

Date: __ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __
(mm/dd/yyyy)

(Full Name)

(Signature)