



## Sikyong Professional Scholarship Program (SPSP)



### Guidelines:

**Introduction:** The Department of Education (DoE), Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) is pleased to institute a new scholarship program entitled **Sikyong Professional Scholarship Program (SPSP)** in partnership with the Tibet Fund (TF), New York.

The SPSP aims to provide support to high achieving Tibetan students from India, Nepal and Bhutan, who wish to pursue professional degrees at the most selective professional Institutes in India. Many institutions/courses are until now, perceived as financially out of reach of our students and therefore compel them to adjust their educational aspirations to the financial constraints of scholarships. This program therefore seeks to address this continuing challenge faced by our students. The Scholarship is provided by the Tibet Fund, New York, through the Department of Education, CTA.

**Number of Awards:** Five scholarships per year; three for UG and two for PG program.

**Scope:** The SPSP will provide scholarship awards to the Tibetan students pursuing below mentioned courses from any Top Ten Colleges/Institutes /Universities (list attached) in India as per the June survey, conducted each year by India Today Magazine or any University accredited with "A" and above by NAAC (National Assessment & Accrediting Council, India).

### Courses:

- a) Students pursuing Professional Bachelor degree in Engineering (B.E.), Medicine (MBBS.), Dental Surgery (B.D.S.), B.A LLB (Law) and Architecture (B.Arch.)
- b) Students pursuing M.Phil., Ph.D and Master's degree in the field of Law, Medicine, Engineering, Education, Mass Communication, Business and Public Administration.

**Scholarship Amount:** The selected candidate will be provided scholarship up to INR 3 lakhs a year depending upon need as assessed by the joint selection committee comprised of representatives from DoE and Tibet Fund. Award amounts will be flexible based on individual financial need, with the goal of enabling high-achieving students to pursue professional degrees at the most selective institutions. Individual award amounts will be calculated based on a successful applicant's statement of expected need and disclosure of other financial resources, including family contributions and any other financial support s/he expects to receive, such as tuition discounts awarded on the basis of entrance exam results. Once an applicant is selected for an award, SPSP will commit to enabling the successful applicant complete his/her full course of study. Award amounts will be

determined by the SPSP selection committee and will be reviewed and adjusted annually if needed, based on assessments of satisfactory performance and financial need

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- (i) Applicant should possess valid Registration Certificates ( RC). If the RC book has been sent for renewal/extension, the letter to this effect, should be obtained from the concerned Regional Foreign Registration Office(FRRO) or Tibetan Settlement Officer(TSO).
- (ii) Applicant & Applicant's Parents should possess valid Green Book (GB) having paid GB contribution up to date.
- (iii) Applicant from Nepal and Bhutan must submit a letter from respective Tibetan Settlement Office certifying that the applicant is a bonafide Tibetan.
- (iv) In case of Applicant's parents live in Tibet/ deceased/divorced, a letter certifying the same from the Settlement Officer/Principal of Tibetan Secondary School (recognized by DoE) must be submitted.
- (v) Applicants who did not graduate from a Tibetan Secondary School with Tibetan as a subject is required to sit for Tibetan Language Proficiency Test. The test conducted by DoE is to establish equivalence of applicant's Tibetan Language Competency for tenth grade. The applicant should register for proficiency test with DoE, by April every year and must score 33% to qualify to apply for the scholarship.
- (vi) Cut off marks required to apply for the scholarship:
  - a) The applicant applying for Bachelor Degree Scholarship must have scored 80% in the Senior Secondary Board Examination or equivalent.
  - b) The applicant applying for Post Graduate & Doctoral Degree must have scored 60% in Bachelor's Final Examination
- (vii) Applicant must have taken Entrance Test for the professional course one chooses to pursue.

**General Guideline Instruction:**

- (i) Download the **Application Form** from DOE and Tibet Fund websites - [www.sherig.org/](http://www.sherig.org/) [www.lamton.org/www.tibetfund.org](http://www.lamton.org/www.tibetfund.org)
- (ii) All the photocopies of the documents must be attested, signed & stamped by the TSO/Principal of Tibetan Secondary School/Officers of CTA with rank of Joint Secretary and above.
- (iii) All the information in the Application form must be completed. Incomplete application will not be entertained.

**Application Deadline:** In view of varying academic calendars and entrance tests, application should reach Department of Education latest by June 10th, for Bachelor Courses and August 31st every year for Post Graduate & Doctoral Courses.

**Mode of Selection:**

- (i) A joint Selection committee of DoE and TF will review the applications, interview the applicants as necessary and select the candidates. The selected candidates will be informed individually and announced through the websites.
- (ii) The decision of the Selection committee will be final.

**Obligations of Scholarship Recipients:** The scholarship recipients will be required to sign an agreement to serve Tibetan community, at least for three years after the completion of the said course. However DoE, CTA can waive the term of agreement to serve if one's service is not required at that time.

**Mode of Execution:** DOE will be responsible for execution of the program. The performance of the candidates will be closely monitored. If any of the given information is found untrue, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

- (i) Each year, the scholarship money will be released in two installments through the concerned Settlement Office.
  - 1st installment will be released on producing the Acceptance Letter from the applicant's University/College.
  - 2nd installment will be released upon getting the receipt of 1st installment scholarship.
- (ii) The student must secure more than 65% in the Annual Exam to be eligible for continuation of the scholarship. Attested copies of the Annual Exam Result must be submitted to the DoE.

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