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CIRCULAR TO PARENTS OF CLASS XII (2023-24 batch)

**"Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children" (SPDC) for the academic year 2024-25
for the Children of NRIs/PIOs/OCIs**

Dear Parent,

Greetings from Indian School Muscat!

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India has launched the "Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children" (SPDC) for the academic year 2024-25 for the Children of NRIs/PIOs/OCIs for pursuing undergraduate courses in several disciplines in India. A copy of the revised guidelines is attached herewith for reference. Only fresh-year undergraduate students (1st year) shall be eligible to get the scholarship for the entire duration of the undergraduate course.

The following are the main features of the SPDC for the academic year 2024-25: -

1. The SPDC Scheme is applicable to eligible applicants from NRI/PIO/OCI community in all foreign countries.
2. Students who have already secured admission to Indian institutions are eligible to apply. The scheme can only be availed by 1st-year Undergraduate students (not 2nd or 3rd-year students) as it provides scholarships for the entire duration of the Undergraduate course. For diaspora students pursuing UG medical courses in Indian Colleges, the duration of scholarship will be from 2nd year to 5th year.
3. The scheme is open to the following two categories in the age group of 17 to 21 years as on **July 31, 2024**:
 - a) Children of PIOs/OCIs/NRIs who have studied outside India in any of the foreign countries and
 - b) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries (who have studied in India or abroad).
4. The total number of scholarships under the SPDC programme is 150, of which 50 slots are reserved for Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries. Further, out of these 50 slots, one-third of slots (i.e., 17 slots) shall be reserved for those Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries who have studied in India.
5. The selection of applicants for scholarships will be on Merit-cum-Means basis.
6. Applicants from all the categories must have passed grades 11 and 12 abroad. However, under the category of Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries, who have studied in India, the applicant must have passed grades 11 and 12 or equivalent examinations from a system of education recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
7. The following institutions are covered under the SPDC Scheme:
 - a) Central Universities of India offering Undergraduate courses.
 - b) 'A' Grade institution accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognised by UGC.
 - c) National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Schools of Planning and Architecture and Indian Institutes of Information and Technology (IIITs) through the DASA Scheme.



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8. The amount of scholarship admissible would be 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) subject to a maximum of US\$ 4,000/- per annum. IEC includes Tuition fees, Hostel fees & other institutional charges (Food charges are excluded).
9. The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the NRIs/PIOs/OCIs category applicants should not exceed an amount equivalent to US\$ 5000/- and the total monthly income of the parent(s) of the Indian Workers in ECR category applicants should not exceed an amount equivalent of US\$ 3000/-.
10. After obtaining admission in selected courses in any of the specified Institutes as mentioned in the guidelines, students who fulfil all other eligibility conditions can complete and submit the online application form on the SPDC portal (<https://spdcindia.gov.in>). A copy of the guidelines is also available in the portal for your reference.
11. **The last date to submit the duly filled-in application forms in the prescribed format is 30th November 2024.**

Kind regards,

Rakesh Joshi
Principal

