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The North South Foundation (NSF) Scholarship Program is committed to supporting meritorious and economically disadvantaged students in pursuing higher education. To ensure fairness, transparency, and effective utilization of available resources, the Scholarship Committee has reviewed and finalized the Scholarship Norms for the Academic Year 2026–27.

These norms have been developed based on scholarship demand trends, budget availability, student demographics, academic merit, socio-economic considerations, and the Foundation's long-term vision of supporting deserving students across India. The norms outlined in this document shall serve as the guiding framework for scholarship eligibility, selection, and recommendation processes during the academic year.

While these norms provide the standard eligibility criteria, exceptional cases involving significant social or financial hardship may be considered by the Scholarship Committee on a case-by-case basis, subject to available resources.

Eligibility Criteria

Component	Norm
Eligible Courses	• 4-Year B.E./B.Tech (Regular) • 3-Year B.E./B.Tech (Lateral Entry) • Diploma Engineering • MBBS • 4 year Integrated BA/BSc. B.Ed (4-Year) of RIEs of NCERT
Academic Eligibility	Minimum 80% in 10th and 12 th , and 80% in Diploma
Family Income	a. Annual income should not exceed ₹2,00,000 (Low Income States) b. ₹2,25,000 (Middle Income States) ₹2,50,000 (High Income States)
School Preference	Government School preferred



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Component	Norm
Private School Fee Paid in 10 th – 12 th classes	Up to ₹50,000 per year
4-Year Engineering Rank	5,000 State Rank
JEE Rank	≤ 1,00,000 National Rank
3-Year Engineering Rank	1,000 state rank
Diploma CET Rank	1,500 state rank
MBBS Rank	NEET Rank ≤ 40,000
(4-Year) Integrated BA/BSc. B.Ed Rank– RIEs only	NCERT-RIE- NCET – Conducted by National Testing Agency ≤ 2,000
<i>Private College Eligibility</i> Applicants studying in private colleges are eligible for scholarship consideration only when admitted to the approved B.E./B.Tech or Diploma branches notified by NSF from time to time.	For 3-Year and 4-Year BE/B.Tech • Computer Science • Electrical and Electronics Engineering • Electronics and communication Engineering • Cyber Security • Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning • Data Science • Automobile Engineering • Applied Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering • Metallurgical Engineering For Diploma in Engineering • Electrical • Mechanical • Automobile Engineering • Applied Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering • Metallurgical Engineering



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Component	Norm
	• Computer Science • Artificial Intelligence & Data Science
MBBS College Type	Government Medical Colleges only
Scholarship Amount per year	• Diploma in Engineering – ₹15,000 • 3-Year and 4-Year BE/B.Tech – ₹25,000 • 4-Year Integrated B.Ed – ₹25,000 • MBBS – ₹30,000
Gap Year	• Only 2 Years gap is allowed after +2/Intermediate or any Equivalent Examination for 4-Year BE/B.Tech, MBBS and 4-year Integrated BA/BSc. B.Ed. course of RIEs of NCERT. • No gap is allowed for 3-Year BE/B.Tech (Lateral entry). • Minimum eligibility for Diploma is 10th. If a student is applying for Diploma after 12th, is also eligible. It would not be considered to be gap after 10th class. But no gap is allowed if S/he joins either after 10th or 12th.
Chapter Scholarship Limit	100 (Diploma, 3-Year and 4-Year BE/B.Tech Engineering)

States Grouping for Family Income:

1. **Low Income States:** Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir



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2. **Middle Income States:** Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman & Diu, Puducherry, Ladakh
3. **High Income States:** Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Delhi (NCT), Chandigarh, Lakshadweep

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