

Overseas Studies Scholarship (OSS)

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is OSS?

This is a scholarship scheme announced by Tamil Nadu Government in 2021. This OSS gives a grant not exceeding Rs.30 lakhs for pursuing PG studies or above in foreign universities.

2. Who can avail OSS?

Saandrors (SCs) and Aandrors (STs) of Tamil Nadu with an annual income not exceeding Rs. 8 Lakhs can apply.

3. How to apply for OSS?

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department's Issue Guidelines (G.O No. 70 - ADTW Dept. 08.08.2002). New guidelines are expected soon. There is an application prescribed. This should be made online.

4. What expenses are covered by OSS?

- Fee charged by the admitting University
- Passage fare
- Expenses incurred for Visa

5. How many scholarships are available?

As on 2022, ten scholarships are offered. This number is likely to go up to 100 in a year. Check - G.O (MS) No. 89-ADTW Dept. -30.09.2022

6. What are the links for search?

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7. Can SC Christians apply?

YES.

Though Christian SCs would be having BC community certificates in Tamil Nadu, they are extended with all Scholarships that are available for Saandrors (SCs) and Aandrors (STs) on the same terms. Post Matric Scholarship, Pre Matric Scholarship, Phd Scholarship, OSS are such schemes. Christian SCs are all eligible for admission in all Hostels run by SC Dept in Tamil Nadu.

8. Candidates have to incur expenditure on applying to universities and clearing certain qualifying tests like IELTS / TOEFL / GRE / GMAT. Are they reimbursable under OSS?

YES. Check - G.O No. 106 - ADTW Dept. 14.12.2022

9. Are there organizations to provide handholding assistance for aspirants?

YES.

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10. Is OSS available for MBBS courses abroad?

YES

11. What is the duration of the Scholarship?

Maximum 3 years for Master.

Maximum 4 years for Ph. D

12. How to seek admission abroad?

Selected candidates are required to themselves arrange for their admission in foreign accredited educational institutions/universities.