



Satya Scholarship Program



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Scholarship Program Details

1.1 About the Program

The Nehru Sidhant Kender Trust (“the Trust”) is committed to empowering young minds— with a special focus on girl students—by facilitating access to quality higher education. In furtherance of this objective, the Trust has instituted the **Satya Scholarship Program**, a merit-cum-means-based initiative aimed at supporting deserving students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

The scholarship provides financial assistance towards the annual course fee, as per the approved fee structure of the selected institute, for students who have secured admission after completing Class XII. The program supports students pursuing higher education in the fields of **Commerce, Engineering, and Medical & Health Sciences**.

The scholarship is applicable to the following categories of students:

- Students from **Punjab** who are admitted to the **first year of a 3–5-year undergraduate or integrated master’s program** at any of the **38 selected institutes in the Ludhiana district**; and
- Students from the **Ludhiana district** who secure admission to any of the **top 50 NIRF-ranked institutions across India**.

Recipients of this scholarship will be referred to as **Satya Scholars**. Through this initiative, the Trust aims to nurture talent, inspire aspirations, and empower deserving students to pursue their educational journeys with confidence and dignity.

1.2 About Nehru Sidhant Kender Trust

The Nehru Sidhant Kender Trust was founded in **1983** by **Late Shri Sat Paul Mittal** as a tribute to the vision of India’s first Prime Minister, **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**. The Trust focuses on empowering youth from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, with a strong emphasis on education, particularly for girls.

Since its inception, the Trust has supported **over 27,000 students** through scholarships and awards, disbursing approximately **INR 14.50 crore**, benefiting **70% girl students**, and enabling **79% of youth** to secure employment through vocational training.

The Trust has established prominent educational institutions such as **Sat Paul Mittal School, Ludhiana**, ranked among India’s **top 23 schools by EducationWorld India (2025)** and ranked **No. 1 in Punjab for ten consecutive years**. Recently, the school achieved a significant milestone by emerging as a top performer in **India’s first PISA-Based Test for Schools (PBTS)** conducted by **OECD, Paris**, reflecting its commitment to global educational excellence.

Additionally, **Horizon School of Excellence, Ludhiana**, provides free, quality education to students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.



Since its inception, the Trust's **Vocational Centre** has successfully placed over **790 students** across various industries in the Ludhiana district, with an average monthly salary exceeding **INR 14,000**, equipping them with essential skills for a brighter future.

1.3 Vision of Satya Scholarship Program

To create opportunities for young individuals from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and support them in becoming future leaders.

1.4 Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must have passed the Class XII Board Examination from a recognised board in the State of Punjab, securing a minimum of 60% aggregate marks.
2. The **annual parental income** from all sources should not exceed **INR 8 lacs**. In the case of orphan students, the **guardian's annual income** should also not exceed **INR 8 lacs**.
3. Open to students enrolled in the **first year of a 3–5-year undergraduate or integrated master's course** in the following streams/courses:
 - a. **Commerce:** BBA, B.Com
 - b. **Engineering & Technology:** B.Tech, B.E. (all streams), B.Sc. (Engineering), BCA, B.Arch
 - c. **Medical & Health Sciences:** MBBS, BDS, BPT, B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Sc. (Allied and Healthcare)
4. Students from **Punjab** who have secured admission to any of the above courses at the **38 selected institutes in the Ludhiana district** are eligible for the scholarship.
5. Additionally, students from the **Ludhiana district** who have secured admission to any of the above courses at one of the **top 50 NIRF-ranked institutions across India** are eligible for the scholarship.
6. Preference will be given to **girl students, sportspersons** (state/national/international level), **persons with disabilities (PwD)**, **orphans**, and **children of single parents**.
7. In subsequent years, selected Satya Scholars must maintain a minimum of **75% attendance**, demonstrate **good conduct**, and secure at least a **GPA of 6 or 60% marks** to be eligible for scholarship renewal.
8. Applicants must **not be recipients of any other educational scholarship**.
9. Applicants must be **citizens of India**.

Note: The **most recently published NIRF rankings** shall be considered for eligibility determination each year. *(The list of institutes will be attached.)*

1.5 Benefits

1. Scholarships shall be awarded for the full duration of the undergraduate programme, including integrated programmes of up to five (5) years, subject to the scholar meeting the prescribed renewal criteria for each academic year.
2. The scholarship shall cover 100% of the annual course fee for the entire duration of the course. Refundable charges, including caution money or security deposits, shall not be covered and will be borne by the student.
3. If a Satya Scholar has already paid any course fee to secure admission, the amount paid shall be reimbursed to the bank account of the scholar or the parent/guardian as applicable.
4. **Accommodation & Meal Support:** Hostel and mess fees shall be provided to all eligible scholars studying outside their hometown. Where hostel facilities are available, charges may



be paid directly to the institute. Scholars staying outside campus may receive accommodation/mess support based on the **institute's approved charges or actual expenses incurred, whichever is lower**. For institutes without hostel facilities, a **fixed monthly stipend of ₹5,000** will be provided towards accommodation and meals.

1.6 Key Features

1. Upon successful graduation and subsequent gainful employment, Satya Scholars will undertake to voluntarily support education of at least one student on a continuous basis, at all times during their lifetime.
2. Satya Scholars are encouraged to demonstrate environmental leadership and to voluntarily undertake planting and nurturing a minimum of five trees annually during the tenure of the scholarship.
3. **Number of Scholars:** Initiated in **2025** with **128 students**, the program is designed to scale incrementally based on successful implementation across cohorts.

1.7 Scholarship Renewal Criteria & Fund Disbursement

Based on the criteria outlined below, Satya Scholars shall be considered for **scholarship renewal in successive academic years**:

1. **Continuous Enrolment:** Scholars must remain continuously enrolled in their academic program without any break. A **minimum attendance of 75%** in classes must be maintained throughout the academic year.
2. **Conduct Requirements:** Scholars are expected to maintain **good conduct** and must not be involved in any disciplinary actions at the institute.
3. **Academic Performance:** Scholars must secure a **minimum GPA of 6 or 60% marks** in the previous academic year, subject to the grading system followed by the respective institute and the availability of results.
4. **Academic Reporting:** Scholars must submit an **annual academic grade report** confirming successful completion of the previous academic year. This is mandatory for the release of the next scholarship instalment, whether on an annual or any other approved disbursement basis.
5. **Progress Essay:** Scholars are required to submit an **annual essay** outlining their academic and non-academic progress, along with any notable achievements.
6. **Fee Verification:** Scholars must submit the **approved fee structure or a Bonafide letter** from the institute to enable direct transfer of scholarship funds to the institute.

The **final decision regarding scholarship renewal** shall rest solely with the **Nehru Sidhant Kender Trust**.

1.8 Application Process

1. Click on the **'Apply Now'** button.
2. Log in to **Buddy4Study** using your registered credentials and land on the **'Application Form'** page. If you are not registered, sign up on Buddy4Study using your **email ID, mobile number, or Gmail account**.
3. You will be redirected to the **Satya Scholarship Program 2026 application form** page.
4. Click on **'Start Application'** to begin the process.



5. Fill in all the **required details** accurately.
6. Upload the **relevant supporting documents**.
7. Accept the **'Terms and Conditions'** and click on **'Preview'** to review your application.
8. If all details are correct, click on the **'Submit'** button to complete the application process.

1.9 Documents Required

1. Recent **passport-sized photograph**
2. **Proof of identity** (Masked Aadhaar, Driving License, Voter ID Card, PAN Card or any government approved ID)
3. **Current-year admission letter** issued by the institute
4. **Class XII marksheet**
5. **Institute fee structure**
6. **Parental income proof** such as
 - 6.1. Tehsildar/BDPO income certificate
 - 6.2. Affidavit (in case of orphan or single-parent applicants)
 - 6.3. Salary slips
 - 6.4. Income Tax Return (ITR) / Form 16
 - 6.5. Valid BPL certificate (if applicable)
7. **Bank account details** of the student and the parent/guardian
8. **Crisis-related documents**, such as a parent's death certificate or proof of critical illness (if applicable)
9. **PwD certificate or sports achievement certificates**, if applicable
10. **Statement of Purpose (SOP)** outlining the applicant's aspirations and reasons for applying for the scholarship

1.10 Important Dates

1. Application Start Date: 15 July (every year)
2. Application Deadline: 31 October (every year)
(The deadline may be aligned with college admission and counselling timelines and may be extended, if required, based on institutional admission cycles.)
3. Interaction with Scholars: would be conducted annually

1.11 Student Helpline

1. Email: satyascholarship@buddy4study.in
2. Phone: 011-430-92248 (Ext. 368)



Annexures

Annexure-1: List of Ludhiana Colleges with Courses

S#	Name of Institution	Commerce (BBA, B.Com)	Engineering (B.Tech, BE, B.SC (Engineering), Computer Sciences	Medical (MBBS, BDS, BPT, BSC (Nursing), BSC (Allied and Healthcare)
1	A.S. College, Samrala Road , Khanna (District Ludhiana), Punjab - 141417	B.Com		
2	A.S. College for Women, Amloh Road, Khanna Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab) - 141401.	B.Com		
3	Arya College, Rishi Dayanand Marg, Civil Lines, Ludhiana - 141001, Pb. India.	BBA, B.Com		
4	Arya College - Girls Section, Rishi Dayanand Marg, Civil Lines, Ludhiana - 141001, Pb. India.	B.Com		
5	Baba Jaswant Singh Dental College Hospital & Research Institute. Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana - 141 010, Punjab. INDIA			BDS
6	Christian Dental College, Brown Road, Ludhiana			BDS
7	Christian Medical College, Brown Road, Ludhiana			MBBS
8	College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Brown Road, Ludhiana			B.Sc [Nursing]
9	College of Nursing, Dayanand Medical College, Civil Lines, Ludhiana			B.Sc [Nursing]
10	College of Nursing, Mohan Dai Oswal Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation, G.T. Road, Sherpur Bye Pass, Ludhiana-141009			B.Sc [Nursing]
11	College of Physiotherapy, Christian Medical College, Ludhiana			BPT
12	Dayanand Medical College,Civil Lines, Ludhiana			MBBS, B.Sc [Allied and Healthcare]
13	DMC, College of Physiotherapy, Ludhiana			BPT
14	Devki Devi Jain Memorial College For Women, Near Suffian Chowk, Kidwai Nagar, Ludhiana (PUNJAB)	BBA, B.Com		
15	Gujranwala Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Civil Lines Ludhiana Punjab- 141001, India	B.Com		
16	GNDEC School of Architecture Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Gill Park, Gill Road, Ludhiana 141006, Punjab (India).		B.Arch	
17	Govt College for Girls, Near Rakh Bagh, Bharat Nagar Chowk, Civil Lines, Ludhiana	BBA, B.Com		
18	Gujranwala Guru Nanak Institute of Management & Technology, Ghumar Mandi Rd, Mall Enclave, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, Punjab 141001	BBA, B.Com		
19	Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Gill Park, Gill Road, Ludhiana 141006, Punjab (India).	BBA	B.Tech	
20	Guru Nanak Girls College, Model Town, Ludhiana	BBA, B.Com		
21	Guru Nanak Institute of Management and Technology, Gujarkhan Campus, Gujarkhan Road, Model Town Ludhiana – 141002 (Punjab) India. - SELF FINANCE	BBA, B.Com		
22	Guru Nanak Khalsa College for Women, Model Town, Gujarkhan Campus, Gujarkhan Road, Model Town, Ludhiana – 141002 (PB.) India.	BBA, B.Com		
23	Institute of Nursing Education, Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib (C) Hospital, Shastri Nagar, Model Town, Ludhiana			B.Sc [Nursing]
24	Kamla Lohtia S.D College, Subhash Nagar, Daresi Road, Ludhiana- 141008	BBA, B.Com		
25	Khalsa College for Women, Civil Lines, Ludhiana	BBA, B.Com		
26	Khalsa College for Women, Sidhwan Khurd, Jagraon, Ludhiana, Punjab, Pincode: 142024	B.Com		
27	Khalsa Institute of Management and Technology for Women, Rani Jhansi Road,	BBA, B.Com		



	Civil Lines, Ludhiana - 141001 (Punjab) - INDIA. SELF FINANCE			
28	Lajpat Rai DAV College, Jagraon, 142026, District, Ludhiana	BBA, B.Com		
29	Mohandai Oswal Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, Grand Trunk Rd, Bypass, Sherpur, Ludhiana, Punjab 141009			B.Sc [Nursing]
30	PCTE Group of Institutes, Jhande, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana	BBA, B.Com	B.Tech	
31	PCTE Institute of Engineering and Technology, Jhande, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana	BBA, B.Com	B.Tech	
32	Punjab College of Technical Education, Baddowal, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana	BBA, B.Com	B.Tech	
33	Punjab College of Technical education, Jhande, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana	BBA, B.Com	B.Tech	
34	Ramgarhia Girls College, Miller Ganj, Ludhiana, 141003, India	B.Com		
35	S.C.D. Govt College, Near Rose Garden, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, 141001	BBA, B.Com		
36	SDP College for Women, Daresi Road/G.T. Road, Near Shiv Puri, Behind Chand Cinema, Ludhiana, Punjab (INDIA)	BBA, B.Com		
37	Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha College of Nursing, VPO-Sarabha, Tehsil & District – Ludhiana, Punjab- 141105			B.Sc [Nursing]
38	Sri Aurobindo College of Commerce & Management, Village Jhande, P.O. Threke, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana- 142021	BBA, B.Com		



Annexure-2: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q.1: What is the selection process for this scholarship program?

Scholars will be selected based on their academic merit and financial need. The selection steps include:

1. Initial screening based on eligibility.
2. Document verification.
3. Telephonic/ video interview of shortlisted candidates.
4. Physical verification of the scholar
5. Final selection by the committee of the Trust.

Q.2: If selected, how will the scholar receive the scholarship amount?

The scholarship amount will be disbursed directly to the bank account of the institute on an annual basis. In case the scholar has already paid the amount, the funds will be disbursed to the scholar's/parent's/guardian's bank account.

Q.3: Can the student apply if he/she is already receiving another scholarship?

No, the student should not be a recipient of any other educational scholarship.

Q.4: Are students from outside Punjab eligible to apply for this scholarship?

No, students from outside Punjab are not eligible to apply.

Q.5: Is there an entrance exam for the scholarship?

No, there is no entrance exam for the scholarship. Selection of the scholar is based on academic merit, financial need, and preference criteria.

Q.6: Can diploma students apply for this scholarship?

No, the scholarship is open to those students enrolled in the first year of a 3-5 year undergraduate or integrated master's program.

Q.7: Is there any age limit to apply?

No, there is no specific age limit as long as the student meets all eligibility criteria.

Q.8: Can a student apply if they have taken an education loan?

Yes, students who have availed an education loan may apply, provided they are not receiving any other educational scholarship.

Q.9: Will the scholarship cover additional academic expenses like books and travel?

No, the scholarship only covers the annual course fee.

Q.10: Can a student apply if they have a backlog in their previous examinations?

No, applicants must have cleared all subjects without any backlog and obtained at least 60% marks in Class XII to be considered eligible.

Q.11: Will the scholar need to repay the scholarship amount after completing the course?

No, this is a grant-based scholarship, and scholars do not need to repay the amount.

Q.12: Does this scholarship cover the hostel and mess?

Yes, this scholarship will cover the hostel and mess fees. This is applicable only for those scholars who are residing outside their hometown (Ludhiana district/Punjab).



Q.13: How will the hostel/mess component be disbursed for students staying in PG or outside the institute hostel?

Eligible scholars studying **outside their hometown** will receive support towards accommodation and meals. If hostel facilities are available, the **hostel and mess charges may be paid directly to the institute**. For scholars staying outside the campus (e.g., PG or rented accommodation), the **accommodation/mess support will be provided based on the institute's approved hostel/mess charges or the actual expenses incurred, whichever is lower**, subject to submission and verification of valid supporting documents.

In cases where the institute **does not have hostel facilities**, a **fixed monthly stipend of ₹5,000** will be provided towards accommodation and meals.

Q.14: Are Satya Scholars required to support another student after completing the education of a supported student?

Yes, Satya Scholars are encouraged to voluntarily undertake to extend education support to another student(s) once education is completed for the adopted student (s), thereby sustaining this voluntary commitment through their lifetime.