

Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs) for Manohar Parrikar Goa Scholars Scheme 2024-25

1. What are the studies for which I can avail Goa Scholar?

You can avail Goa Scholar for PG / Doctoral programmes.

2. Should the University/ Institution be located in India?

No. You can apply to any institution/ University within and outside India.

3. How many awards are given every year under the Goa Scholar Scheme?

Every year 20 outstanding Scholars shall be selected and awarded under the Scheme. However, in certain circumstances for reasons to be recorded more awards can be granted on the recommendation of the Selection Committee with the approval of the Government provided the total number of awards shall not exceed 30. However, there are no separate seats earmarked for students pursuing PG and Doctoral Programmes.

4. Can I get selected as a Goa Scholar for more than one year?

No. Once you are selected for a particular year your application for the other years will not be considered.

For example, if you are selected as Goa Scholar for the year 2023-24 then your applications for the scheme for 2024-25 will not be considered.

5. Can I apply if I have passed Std X or Std XII or UG or all the three with grace marks?

No. You are not eligible to apply.

6. Can I apply if I am above 35 years of age on 1st January of the year for which the Scholarship is disbursed?

No. For example, if you are applying for Goa Scholar 2023-24, then you shall not exceed 35 years of age as on 1st January 2023.

7. What is the minimum number of years of residence I should complete in Goa for applying under the Goa Scholar Scheme?

You should be a resident of Goa for a minimum period of 15 years. However, if you are of Goan origin, and have pursued your academic studies for a minimum period of 7 years in Goa out of your entire academic career with residence in Goa shall also be considered for the Scholarship.

8. Should I pass the qualifying examination from an institution located in Goa?

You must have passed the qualifying Degree examination from an institution preferably located in Goa. However, those who passed the qualifying Degree examination from a reputed institution located in any other parts of India also can apply provided you fulfil other conditions of eligibility.

9. How is the Selection done?

Initially, applications are invited from the candidates. The Screening Committee then shortlists the candidate for the final interview. The Selection Committee selects the Goa Scholars based on the criteria laid down under the Clause XI of the Scheme.

10. What is the criteria for shortlisting eligible candidates by the Screening Committee?

The Screening Committee shortlists the eligible candidates only on the basis of Curricular/Academic achievements.

11. How many marks are assigned for Curricular/Academic achievements by the Screening Committee?

100 Marks are assigned for Curricular/Academic achievements. Marks obtained for Std. X gets 40% weightage, 30% weightage for Std. XII and 30% weightage for the Graduation marks.

12. Why do the marks scored at Std. X examinations have a higher weightage?

That is because it is a common examination.

13. How many candidates are shortlisted by the Screening Committee?

The Screening Committee recommends the top 60 candidates with a minimum aggregate score of 70 marks after assigning the weightage for academic and curricular achievements.

14. What happens if more than one candidate secures the same marks for the 60th position?

In such a situation all candidates at the 60th position securing the same marks will be called for the interview.

15. Should I self-attest my documents?

Yes. All the documents shall be self-attested by you. In case you are out of the state/country, either of your parents/guardian can attest.

16. Can I upload my black and white(greyscale) photograph?

No. You should upload your recent coloured photograph of size less than 1MB

17. What happens if I submit an incomplete/wrong application?

Your form will be rejected. You have to apply afresh.

18. What should I do after submitting the online application forms?

After submitting the online application, you will immediately receive an email containing the information uploaded by you. You have to take a printout of the email, fill in the details along with your signature in the Declaration Section, and then affix a passport-sized photograph. You should submit the same along with the self-attested documents to the Directorate of Higher Education.

19. Where should I send the hard copy?

You should send it to the Director of Higher Education, Goa Education Complex, Alto-Porvorim, Goa, 403521

20. Should I write anything at the top of the envelope?

Yes. For example, if you are applying for Goa Scholars Scheme 2024-25, the right-hand-top corner of the envelope should have the inscription "APPLICATION FOR GOA SCHOLAR SCHEME 2024-25".

21. Can I hand-deliver the hard copy of the application?

Yes. You have to submit the hard copy on or before the last date.

22. Should I submit a covering letter with the hard copy of the application?

Yes. The template of the covering letter is available on DHE website