

**SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR THE UNION TERRITORIES OF
JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH (SSS J&K AND LADAKH)
UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA PROTSAHAN
(PM-USP) YOJANA**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) FOR ASPIRANTS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024**

NOTE: Students are advised to read the Guidelines/Methodology thoroughly before coming to FAQs

1. I fulfill academic qualification for SSS J&K and Ladakh. What other conditions should I fulfill?

Answer - You must fulfill the below mentioned eligibility criteria also

- i. Domicile of UT of J&K or Ladakh
- ii. Family income should not exceed Rs. 8.00 Lakh per annum
- iii. Passed 10+2 Exam from JKBOSE or CBSE affiliated schools located in UT of J&K or Ladakh
- iv. Passed 10+3 Diploma from UT of J&K or Ladakh Polytechnic (if seeking admission directly in second year in an engineering course).

2. I am an eligible candidate for the SSSJ&K and Ladakh scholarship. How can I register for this scholarship?

Answer -

Step 1: Open AICTE Website via link : <https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk>

Step 2: Go to SSSJ&K and Ladakh tab on the homepage.

Step 3: Click on the tab of A/Y 2023-24 and register yourself by following the instructions,

3. I am not able to register under SSSJ&K and Ladakh scholarship and facing technical issue?

Answer- For any technical issue at the time of registration you may email at itpmsss@aicte-india.org, it2pmsss@aicte-india.org

4. Is there any Helpline No./E-mail/Grievance Mechanism for PMSSS Scholarship Queries?

Answer-Yes, you may call AICTE Office on 011-29581043/08/07/51/10 (from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on all working days during office hours) or email at jkadmission2023@aicte-india.org for any queries. You can also register your grievance from your login to get the resolution for your query (**only available for registered candidates**).

5. Which document am I required to upload after registration?

Answer-You are required to upload the following documents while filling the application for SSS J&K and Ladakh after registration:

Self-Attested Scan copy of (in jpg/png not more than 2MB)

- Domicile Certificate
- SSC Marksheet
- Family Income Certificate (Issued by Tehsildar or equivalent)
- Aadhaar Card
- Caste Reservation /Physically disabled certificates (if any)

Other attachments (in jpg/png not more than 10–50 KB)

- Passport Size photo (200 x 230 pixels - preferred)
- Father/Guardian Passport Size photo (in case of single mother, please upload the mother's photo in father's/guardian's place)
- Mother/Guardian Passport Size photo
- Signature (140 x 60 pixels - preferred)

6. I am not able to upload photos and signatures on the portal?

Answer- All documents to be uploaded should be in .JPG /.PDF/.PNG format and their file size should be less than 2 MB.

7. I have submitted my online application form. What should I do next?

Answer- Take a printout of the on-line filled application and visit the nearest Facilitation- cum- Document Verification Centre (FDVC) along with original documents and one set of their self-attested photocopies for verification. The details of the FDVCs will be given on AICTE website.

8. I have submitted my online application for SSSJ&K and Ladakh Scholarship. Is it possible to edit my application?

Answer- Yes, you can, by visiting the nearest Facilitation-cum-Documents Verification Centre(FDVC) where the Nodal Officer will edit the online application form, against production of original documents in support of your claim/request for editing. **It is your responsibility to see that all the entries are correctly filled, specially the Caste category and all the supporting Certificates are correctly loaded in your presence at the FDVC. No requests for change are allowed, at any later stage by the AICTE.**

9. Will I be charged at the FDV Center?

Answer- No, Document verification at the FDVC is free of cost and you are not required to pay anything at the FDVC.

10. I have submitted my application. Is document verification at the FDVC necessary?

Answer- Yes, it is mandatory for all the students who have registered on AICTE Portal for availing the benefits under the scheme. Otherwise, he/she is not eligible under the Scheme.

11. To which Facilitation Centre should I go for document verification?

Answer- Facilitation cum document verification Centers have been established by Govt. of UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh whose list is available at AICTE Website. As per your convenience, you can approach any FDVC and after successful document verification, choice filling option will be opened.

12. Is there any document I should collect from the Facilitation Centre after the document verification process?

Answer- Yes, you must collect a stamped document verification report (Student Copy) from the FDVC. This report is absolutely necessary for further processing.

13. Are the original documents to be submitted at the facilitation center?

Answer- No Original documents are to be submitted in the FDVC. The nodal officer will return all the original documents after verification and retain a copy of documents.

14. I have passed 10+2 in Commerce/Arts stream, am I eligible for Engineering?

Answer- Please check the eligibility criteria of the concerned course/institution/University before selecting a course. It may further be noted that for admission in Central Universities, the student has to qualify Central Universities Entrance Test (CUET) conducted by National Testing Agency(NTA) for admission outside the J&K and Ladakh in General Stream courses. For details please visit NTA/UGC website frequently.

15. I have passed Diploma in Engineering from J&K and Ladakh. Can I apply under PMSSS?

Answer-Yes, Candidates who want to take admission under Lateral Entry Scheme and have passed Diploma in Engineering from the Polytechnics recognized by UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate of Technical Education not earlier than AY 2021-22 are eligible. Admission under Lateral Entry Scheme will be subject to vacant seats available during academic year 2022-23 in Engineering Stream only. Students must opt for only Engineering Streams in which he/she is eligible. AICTE will not be responsible, if the student is denied admission by the Institution/ University due to a wrong choice of branch/discipline filled by the particular student.

16. Who will pay the Academic fee?

Answer-The Academic fee is paid directly to the institution by AICTE on an annual basis.

17. Who will pay the Maintenance allowance?

Answer-The Maintenance allowance is paid directly to the student's Aadhaar seeded account by AICTE. The disbursement is spread over the academic year.

18. I do not have an Aadhar Card. Will I be able to get the benefit of SSSJ&K and Ladakh ?

Answer- Aadhaar number is mandatory for Direct Benefit Transfer as per the Government guidelines. This has to be an active Aadhaar and you must ensure it before registration on portal.

19. My Aadhaar is not seeded with a bank account. Will I receive the scholarship?

Answer-No, the scholarship will be disbursed only in Aadhaar seeded saving bank account. It is the responsibility of the student to get the account seeded and must be done before joining the college, to get a scholarship in time.

20. In which bank account the maintenance allowance will be disbursed?

Answer-The Maintenance allowance is disbursed in Saving Bank Account seeded with AADHAR Number and in the name of the bonafide student only.

Candidates may note that Bank Accounts should not be a "No-frill Account" /Minor Account, Parents' Account /Non-Operative account, joint account etc.

21. Can I take the benefit of other scholarship Schemes available for J&K and Ladakh Students along with SSSJ&K and Ladakh Scheme?

Answer: No. This double-dipping may lead to cancellation of both scholarships. All credentials of the student will be put to verification on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) of Government of India for duplication. If any student is found availing the benefit of any other Scheme, his/her application for SSSJ&K and Ladakh will be summarily rejected and no further correspondence will be entertained.

22. Is attending online counseling mandatory for eligible students for availing benefits under SSSJ&K and Ladakh?

Answer- Yes, after document verification, a list of provisionally eligible students will be displayed on the AICTE JKPMSSS website. All the students must compulsorily attend online counseling to get course/college allotment. Multiple allotment rounds are conducted by AICTE based on the choice filled by the student, subject to availability of scholarships, purely on merit and as per the reservation policy of the J&K Government.

Participation, however, is not mandatory. If you wish to take admission on your own in Government institutions or in any other prestigious Institutions/ Universities offering admission based on Entrance Examinations like JEE, NEET, NATA, CLAT, CUET etc. conducted by Govt. of India/State/UT Govt. However, you must submit admission details in the Entrance Examination Tab in the students login. The allotment will be made based on merit, reservation policy and vacancies left after admissions are completed through counseling.

23. I wish to pursue my studies in IIT/NIT/Institute of National Importance/Centrally funded Institutions programs/courses on my own without participating in J&K PMSSS counseling Process 2022-23, am I eligible for SSSJ&K and Ladakh scholarship?

Answer- Students who qualify entrance examination conducted by Central Govt. (NEET/JEE/CUET/NATA/CLAT) or who have taken admission in Government institutions are eligible for scholarships, if they have registered themselves under the PMSSS scheme and are declared eligible by the FDVC upon document verification. They are required to submit admission details in the Entrance Examination Tab in the students login. The allotment will be made based on merit, reservation policy and vacancies left after admission through counseling.

24. I wish to pursue MBBS/BDS/Medical etc., Am I eligible for SSSJ&K and Ladakh scholarship?

Answer- Students taking admission in MBBS/BDS courses etc. are required to qualify NEET examination. Such students are eligible for scholarship, only if they are registered under SSSJ&K and Ladakh scheme and are declared eligible by the J&K and Ladakh Government. They are required to submit NEET Scorecard, NEET Allotment Letter issued by the respective NEET Counseling Agency of the State/ UT/Centre Government/Joining Report in the Entrance Examination Tab in the student login id. It may be noted that AICTE does not conduct counseling for the Medical Stream and all the medical seats are filled through “**on my own**” admission after attending NEET Counseling conducted by the NEET Counseling Admission Authority of the respective State/UTs as the case may be only. **Please beware of Agents.**

NOTE: It is decided by the Dental Council of India vide letter No.DE-14-AC-Academic-MDC-2021/1099 dated 23rd July, 2021 that all Private Dental Colleges under its umbrella will not admit more than 5(Five) students per institution under Prime Minister’s Special Scholarship Scheme with effect from academic session 2021-22. The copy of the letter is available on the portal of AICTE for information of stakeholders. For details and latest updates please visit AICTE website: <https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk>.

25. I have taken admission under Management Quota, Am I eligible for SSSJ&K and Ladakh scholarship?

Answer- Students taking admission under Management Quota are not eligible for scholarship as per the Scheme Guidelines.

26. How will I get the college of my choice?

Answer-The allotment will be done as per the choice filled by the candidate and based on merit list, reservation policy of the State and scheme guidelines. **No change of college is allowed under the Scheme so the students must fill their choices carefully.**

27. During the counseling, I have been allotted a college, but it is not of my choice. What do I do?

Answer-Once the candidate is allotted college/course through online counseling process, he/she has to choose one of the three options by clicking the appropriate button.

- Freeze button (This means the student accepts the seat allotted)
- Float button (This means the student is not interested in the seat allotted and wants to participate in the next round of counseling. By clicking this, student is confirming that he/she will have no claim on the seat allotted in the current round.

NOTE: IF FLOAT OPTION IS SELECTED THEN, SHOWING YOUR SEAT ALLOTMENT OF 1ST ROUND IS NOT ADMISSIBLE.

- Not interested button (This means the student wishes to opt out of the counseling process and will be deregistered from the portal)

If a candidate fails to click any one out of the three, within the stipulated time period, her/his seat will be canceled automatically by the Computer.

28. I have selected the freeze option. What is the next step?

Answer–Candidates must immediately download the provisional allotment letter along with the Welcome Letter of Institute. She/he should connect with the Nodal Officer/Mentor for additional guidance following which the student must complete the joining process.

29. What is the Joining process?

Answer– The student must join the allotted college physically which involves completing the joining formalities on the portal before the last date of joining mentioned in the calendar of events available on AICTE JKPMSSS website.

The Joining process involves

- Uploading documents such as Transfer/Migration Certificate; Character Certificate;10th Class Passing Certificate; 10+2 class PassingCertificate;10th Class Marksheet;10+2 Marksheet.
- Verification of the joining documents by the Institute; uploading of Joining Report for the student.

30. I have been given admission “in my own category” based on submission of documents in the Entrance Examination tab. Do I required to complete the joining process?

Answer–No, the students allotted under “on my own” category are not required to do the joining formalities as they have already completed this step.

31. I have taken admission in a college “on my own ” and not through AICTE Counseling on merit basis. How can I avail the scholarship?

Answer–You are not eligible if you have not registered on the portal. Students who qualify entrance examinations conducted by Central Govt./State Govt. (NEET/JEE/CUET/NATA/CLAT) or who have taken admission in Government institutions are eligible for scholarships, only:

- If they have registered themselves under the PMSSS scheme
- Are declared eligible by the FDV Center.

They must submit their admission related documents in the entrance examination tab in the student login which will be verified. The allotment will be based on merit, reservation policy and vacancies left after admission through counseling.

32. I have registered to seek scholarship under “on my own ” category. Can I rest assured of a scholarship?

Answer–Eligible students are considered for scholarship only against the vacancies left after admissions through AICTE counselling. So they have to wait for the scholarship to be confirmed.

33. I had taken admission based on AICTE counseling and taken scholarship also. But due to some circumstances I could not continue with the course? Am I eligible to apply this year?

Answer–No, you are not eligible as you have already availed the scholarship through SSSJ&K and Ladakh. Such students are only considered in subsequent year if they have cancelled their admission well in advance before the commencement of the registration process and not availed any amount through the scheme.

- 34.** I have completed my UG course availing the SSSJ&K and Ladakh scholarship. Can I apply for another UG degree and get scholarship for that?

Answer–No, a student can avail scholarship under SSSJ&K and Ladakh once only as per the scheme guidelines.

- 35.** I had taken admission in UG course in Jammu/Kashmir/Ladakh last year. Am I eligible to apply?

Answer–Yes, you can apply for SSSJ&K and Ladakh scholarship after cancellation of your previous admission only if you meet the basic eligibility criteria and have not availed the any other scholarship through the previous admission including SSSJ&K and Ladakh.

NOTE:

If any of your question remains unanswered, you can reach us through the modes mentioned in Q 4.