Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has announced SPDC (Scholarship Program for Diaspora Children) applications for Academic Year 2021-22. The scheme is applicable to NRIs, PIOs/OCIs and Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries living in 69 selected countries. EdCIL (India) Limited, a Public Sector undertaking, a Govt. of India enterprise under Ministry of Education, is the implementing agency for the scheme.

Further SPDC is awarded only to the following four categories:

(a) Children of PIOs/OCIs.

(b) Children of NRIs.

(c) Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries studied outside China.

(d) Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries studied in India.

Under SPDC, financial assistance will be given to the above four category students for pursuing under-graduation courses in India (except Medical and related courses). Under the scholarship tuition fee, admission fee and post admission services except food charges will be covered. The scheme is applicable to the fresh year students (01st year) only. Total No. of Scholarships = 150. A maximum of USD 4000 per annum is provided under the scholarship.

INCOME CRITERIA: Income criteria will be applicable to all categories of candidates. The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the candidate should not exceed an amount equivalent to US Dollars Five thousand (US$ 5000). The applicants' parents will provide a self attested salary certificate from the employer.

Only candidates securing admission in undergraduate courses in any of the following are eligible to apply for SPDC:

- Central Universities of India offering Under Graduate Courses;
- 'A' Grade Institutions accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognized by UGC;
- National Institutes of Technologies (NITs), Schools of Planning and Architecture and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) through DASA Scheme.

For Detailed Guidelines and application form please visit SPDC portal **https://spdcindia.gov.in**

Applicant shall submit application form online on the SPDC portal (**https://spdcindia.gov.in**) and upload the required documents on the portal itself. Only online application forms will be accepted.

Last date for submission of Completed Application Form online on SPDC portal is 30th November, 2021.

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