



Indian Diaspora Council

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR DIASPORA CHILDREN [SPDC]

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FOR HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN INDIA

By Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs

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- Government of India launched a scheme called “Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children” (SPDC), in the academic year 2006-2007, for the children of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to assist them in pursuing Under Graduate courses in Indian Universities/Institutes.
- SPDC is awarded to following four categories:
 - (i) Children of Person of Indian Origin
 - (ii) Children of Non-Resident Indian
 - (iii) Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries studying outside India
 - (iv) Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries studying in India
- Under SPDC scheme financial assistance for specific undergraduate courses in Professional and Non-Professional courses (except Medical and related courses) is provided towards tuition fee, admission fee and post admission services. The scheme is applicable to NRIs and PIOs from **66 select countries** as listed
- The SPDC is open to applicants in the age group of **17 to 21 years as on 1st October 2017**. Applicants born on or after 1st October, 1996 and before 1st October, 2000 are eligible to apply. Date of birth as recorded in the Secondary Education Board/University Certificate of Class 10th or equivalent, or as mentioned in a certificate for this purpose issued by appropriate Government authorities of respective countries will be taken as authentic for this purpose.
- Last Date for submission of Completed Application Form online on SPDC portal (<http://spdcindia.gov.in>) is **30th September, 2017**.
- Applicant shall submit APPLICATION FORM ONLINE ON THE SPDC PORTAL (<http://spdcindia.gov.in>) and UPLOAD THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ON THE PORTAL ITSELF. Only ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS will be accepted.

- **Contacts:**

In case of any technical assistance, please contact following

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For additional information, criteria and details, visit:

<http://www.spdcindia.gov.in>

Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.