**SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR THE UNION
TERRITORIES OFJAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH (SSSJKL)
UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA PROTSAHAN
(PM-USP) YOJANA**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) FOR ASPIRANTS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25**

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

1. I fulfill academic qualification for SSSJKL. 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 orLadakh

   iv. Passed 10+3 Diploma from UT of J&K or Ladakh Polytechnic (if seeking admissiondirectly in second year in an engineering course).

   v. Having category certificate as per the reservation policy of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, if wants to avail the benefits.

2. I am an eligible candidate for the SSSJKL 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 SSSJKL Tab on the homepage.

   Step 3: Click on the tab of A/Y 2024-25 and register yourself by following the instructions.

   Step 4: All the students have to complete Aadhaar Authentication on SSSJKL Portal which is *mandatory* before going for application submission and document verification at nearest FDVC. For details please visit AICTE website: https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk

3. I am not able to register under SSSJKL scholarship and facing Technical Issue?

   Answer- For any technical issue at the time of registration you may email at jkadmission2024@aicte-india.org only.

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

Answer-Yes, you may call AICTE Office on 011-29581051 (9.30 am to 5.00 pm on all working days) or email at jkadmission2024@aicte-india.org for any query. You can also register your grievance from your login to get the solution for your query (**only available for registered candidates**).

5. Which documents are required to upload after registration?

Answer-You are required to upload the following documents while filling the application forSSSJKL after registration:

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

•Domicile Certificate

•SSC Marksheet

•Family Income Certificate (Issued by Tehsildar or equivalent not before 6 months)

•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 uploadthe 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: https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk

8. I have submitted my online application for SSSJKL Scholarship. Is it possible to edit my application?

Answer- **Yes,** you can, by visiting the nearest Facilitation-cum-Document 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 uploaded in your presence at the FDVC. No** requests for change are allowed, at any later stage by the AICTE after the correction window as per the calendar of events is closed.

9. Will I be charged at the FDV Center?

Answer- No, Document verification at the FDVC is completely free.

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 SSSJKL Portal for availing the benefits under the scheme. You have to visit nearest FDVC for verification of your documents to declare yourself eligible / not-eligible as per the Scheme Guidelines. **The students who are not visiting FDVC are not eligible for participation in the Counselling Process 2024-25 conducted by AICTE including students who are taking admission in on my own category.**

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 on AICTE Website. Students may visit nearest FDVC as per their convenience and after successful document verification, choice filling option will be opened (see the details in calendar of events on AICTE website).

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 by the students.

13. Are the original documents to be submitted at the Facilitation Center?

Answer- There is no need to submit the original documents at 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 UTs J&K and Ladakh. Can I apply under SSSJKL?

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 2022-23 are eligible. Admission under Lateral Entry Scheme will be subject to vacant seats available during previous academic session i.e. 2023-24 in Engineering Stream only. AICTE will not be responsible, if the student is denied admission by the Institute/ University due to eligibility / age criteria etc. **Students are directed to visit College/ University official website for checking eligibility criteria before making the choice filling.**

16. Who will pay the Academic fee?

Answer-The Academic fee is paid directly to the institution by AICTE on annual basis as per the orders of State Fee Regulatory Committee of concerned State / UT.

17. Who will pay the Maintenance allowance?

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

18. I do not have an Aadhaar. Will I be able to get the benefit of SSSJKL?

Answer- No**.** Aadhaar is mandatory to avail the benefits under SSSJKL.

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 theresponsibility of the student to get the account Aadhaar 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- Maintenance allowance is disbursed in Saving Bank Account seeded with AADHAR and in the name of the bonafide student only.

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

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

22. Is attending online counseling mandatory for eligible students for availing benefits under SSSJKL?

Answer- Yes, after document verification, a list of provisionally eligible students will be displayed on the SSSJKL students Portal. 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 UT of 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 student's 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/Government Institutions in on my own category without participating in SSSJKL counseling Process 2024-25, am I eligible for SSSJKL 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 scholarship, if they have registered themselves under the SSSJKL 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 student's 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 SSSJKL 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 SSSJKL scheme and are declared eligible. 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 studentlogin 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 conductedby the NEET Counseling Admission Authority of the respective State/UTs as the case may be only. **Please beware of Agents. Please note that admission under Management Quota not allowed as per Scheme Guidelines.**

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 SSSJKL 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 theScheme 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 hasto choose one of the three options by clicking the appropriate button within stipulated time. For details *please see Calendar of Events on AICTE SSSJKL website:* ***https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk***

- 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, YOUR SEAT ALLOTMENT IN 1ST ROUND IS NOT ADMISSIBLE.

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

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 joiningformalities on the portal before the last date of joining mentioned in the calendar of events availableon AICTE SSSJKL website: https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk.
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.

If any student found producing/uploading wrong category certificate at later stage, his/her admission / scholarship will stand cancelled automatically and no correspondence in this regard what so ever is will be entertained by the AICTE.

Please note that document verification and declaring the student eligible in a particular category as per the reservation policy of UT of J&K is their domain.

30. I have been given admission "in o n my own category" based on submission of documents in the Entrance Examination Tab. Do I required to complete the joining process?

Answer–Yes, the students allotted admission under "on my own" category are required to do the joining formalities as. For details please visit AICTE website: https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk

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 SSSJKL Portal. Students who qualify entrance examinations conducted by Central Govt./State Govt./UTs (NEET/JEE/CUET/NATA/CLAT) or who have taken admission in Government institutions are eligible for scholarships, only:
(a)　If they have registered themselves under the SSSJKL scheme
(b)　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 within stipulated date. The allotment will be based on merit, reservation policy of the J&K Govt. and vacancies left after admission through counseling. For details please visit AICTE website: https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk

32. I have taken admission in a college through online counselling process. How to upload the joining report on the SSSJKL Portal and steps for aadhaar authentication?

Answer- All the students who have been allotted seats through online counselling process conducted by AICTE will download the allotment letter from the portal after freezing the seat and will physically report to the Nodal Officer of the allotted institution. Nodal Officer will download the auto-generated joining report from the college login and student will signed the joining report in presence of Nodal Officer and Nodal Officer will put his / her sign and signature and will upload the joining report within stipulated time for further action by the SSSJKL Cell of AICTE. **All the students must aadhaar authenticate themselves and upload an auto-generated undertaking which will be signed by the student duly verified by the Nodal Officer on the Portal before going for apply for scholarship TAB**.

33. I have registered to seek scholarship under "on my own '' category. Can I rest assured of ascholarship?

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.

34. I had taken admission based on AICTE counseling and taken scholarship also. But due

to somecircumstances 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 SSSJKL. 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.

35. I have completed my UG course availing the SSSJKL scholarship. Can I apply foranother UG degree and get scholarship for that?

    Answer–No, a student can avail scholarship under SSSJKL once only as per the Scheme Guideline.

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

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

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