

SDEF SCHOLAR PLEDGE

India Scholarship Program — Academic Year 2026–27

The Swami Dayanand Education Foundation (SDEF) offers this scholarship because individuals and organizations have chosen to invest in the future of academically deserving students. Accepting this scholarship means accepting a set of shared responsibilities. Please read this pledge in full before you sign it.

1. Accuracy of Information

I confirm that every statement in my scholarship application, renewal application, and supporting documents is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. SDEF may verify any information or document I submit.

If SDEF finds that I gave false, misleading, or fraudulent information or documents, SDEF may cancel my scholarship. I agree to repay any scholarship funds already disbursed to me, together with interest at 18 percent per year calculated from the date of disbursement. I understand that SDEF may also pursue further legal action, civil or criminal, where warranted.

2. Enrollment and Program Compliance

I will remain enrolled in the undergraduate professional degree program for which SDEF awarded this scholarship, and I will meet the requirements SDEF sets for scholarship recipients.

I understand that continued scholarship support depends on my continued eligibility and my compliance with SDEF's policies.

3. Academic Progress and Renewal

SDEF reviews this scholarship every year and may renew it for up to four years. Renewal depends on my continued eligibility and satisfactory academic performance, and SDEF does not grant it automatically.

To stay eligible for renewal, I agree to:

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress and clear any academic backlogs
- Submit my renewal application, transcripts, and any other document SDEF requests, by the stated deadline
- Tell SDEF promptly about any change in my academic status, enrollment, or circumstances that could affect my eligibility

I understand that each renewal goes through SDEF's review and approval, and that meeting these conditions does not guarantee renewal.

4. Communication and Updates

I will respond to SDEF's communications in a timely manner. I will keep SDEF informed of changes to my contact information, college or program, academic status, and any other detail relevant to my scholarship.

5. Program Participation

I agree to take part in the classes, workshops, orientation sessions, or preparatory programs that SDEF organizes for scholarship recipients, when SDEF asks me to attend.

6. Data Use and Consent

I allow SDEF to use my name, photograph, academic details, and scholarship story for donor and grant reporting, fundraising, newsletters, and press or media coverage. SDEF will use this information only for these purposes and will not share my personal details beyond what these purposes require.

7. Graduation and Alumni Engagement

When I complete my undergraduate program, I will provide SDEF with my final academic records and my degree or completion certificate when SDEF asks for them.

I will join SDEF's alumni network and connect through the designated SDEF LinkedIn alumni group, and I will stay engaged with alumni activities and communications where reasonably possible.

I will also keep SDEF informed about my further education, employment, and professional progress, as reasonably requested, so SDEF can understand the long-term impact of its scholarship program.

8. Paying It Forward

SDEF built this scholarship through the generosity of donors who chose to invest in students like me. In turn, I commit to supporting at least two future SDEF scholars during my lifetime, once I am financially able to do so.

I can meet this commitment through direct financial contributions, support raised through my professional or personal network, or other forms of support that SDEF recognizes.

I understand that this is a mandatory commitment tied to accepting the SDEF scholarship, not an optional gesture. By signing this pledge, I accept responsibility for fulfilling it, and I understand SDEF may contact me in the future to check on my progress.

9. Acknowledgment

I have read and understood this Scholar Pledge and Commitment. I understand my responsibilities as an SDEF Scholar and agree to meet the requirements of the SDEF India Scholarship Program.

I understand that SDEF reviews my continued eligibility every year and that scholarship renewal always depends on SDEF's policies and approval. By signing below, I accept that everything in this pledge forms part of my responsibilities as an SDEF Scholar.

SCHOLAR INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE

Scholar Name: _____

SDEF Application / Scholar ID: _____

College / Institution: _____

Degree / Program: _____

Scholar's Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I am the parent or guardian of the scholar named above. I have read the SDEF Scholar Pledge and Commitment and understand what it asks of my child.

I understand that:

- SDEF awards and renews this scholarship based on the information the scholar provides, subject to SDEF's review and verification
- SDEF reviews the scholarship every year, and renewal is never automatic
- My child must maintain satisfactory academic progress, stay free of backlogs, and meet SDEF's renewal requirements to keep the scholarship
- My child must provide accurate information, submit required documents, respond to SDEF's communications, and report any change that affects eligibility
- If SDEF finds that my child provided false or fraudulent information, my child agrees to repay any funds received, with interest at 18 percent per year, and understands SDEF may pursue further legal action where warranted
- My child agrees to take part in classes, workshops, or preparatory programs that SDEF organizes for scholarship recipients
- My child gives SDEF consent to use their name, photograph, academic details, and scholarship story for donor reporting, fundraising, newsletters, and press or media coverage
- My child agrees to join and stay connected with SDEF's LinkedIn alumni group after graduation and to engage with the alumni network
- My child has taken on a mandatory commitment to support at least two future SDEF scholars during their lifetime, once financially able, through direct financial contributions, their professional or personal network, or other support SDEF recognizes
- My child is responsible for fulfilling this commitment, and this responsibility forms part of what my child accepted by taking the SDEF scholarship

I have discussed these responsibilities with my child and support them in meeting the commitments in this pledge.

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to Scholar: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____