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HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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From

Smt. Prativa Sahu, OAS (SAG)
Additional Secretary to Government

To

The Principal / Scholarship Nodal Officer,
All Colleges and Universities offering Degree/Diploma Courses, Odisha

Subject: Creation of awareness regarding Azim Premji Scholarship for Girl Students

Sir/Madam,

In inviting a reference to the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the **Azim Premji Foundation** has launched the *Azim Premji Scholarship* for girl students from disadvantaged backgrounds to support them in pursuing higher education after Class XII.

The initiative is aimed at bridging the financial gap that hinders many deserving girl students from continuing their education. The scholarship amount is **INR 30,000/- per year**, offered for the **entire duration (2 to 5 years)** of the undergraduate diploma or degree programme. The Foundation aims to support up to **20,000 eligible girl students** across all districts of Odisha in the academic year 2025-26.

Eligibility Criteria (as per the Foundation):

1. Must be a girl student.
2. Must have passed Class 10 and Class 12 in **regular mode** from a **local government school of Odisha**.
3. Must have secured admission in the **first year** of a **regular and recognized degree/diploma programme** (minimum 2 years duration), in a government or bona fide private institution.

You are requested to kindly take necessary steps for:


- **Wide publicity and IEC activities** (Information, Education, and Communication) within your institution to spread awareness regarding the scholarship.
- **Special outreach to girl students**, especially from underprivileged backgrounds.
- Encourage interested students to **regularly visit** the official Azim Premji Foundation website for details and application updates: <https://www.azimpremjifoundation.org>

Yours faithfully,


Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No. 49299/III, dated 16.08.2025

Copy forwarded to the Office of the Chief Secretary w.r.t. their Diary No. 040739 dated 14.07.2025 for kind information and necessary action.


Additional Secretary to Government

Encl:

1. Letter from Azim Premji Foundation (Ref No. APPI/002/2025-26)
2. Document Guidelines for Azim Premji Scholarship Application

For any assistance while applying for the scholarship, please contact-
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Azim Premji
Foundation

Secretary, Higher Education
Secretary, So. Med. L.

To,
Sri Manoj Ahuja, IAS
Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha

No: APPI/002/2025-26
Bhubaneswar
09.07.2025

Subject: Regarding Azim Premji Scholarship for girl students to pursue their higher education after class XII.

Sir,

Greetings from Azim Premji Foundation, Odisha.

**Chief Secretary
Odisha**

As a part of our continued commitment to the state, where we have been working since 2015, we are pleased to share that Azim Premji Foundation is rolling out the Azim Premji Scholarship this year in the state. This initiative is aimed at supporting girl students from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue their higher education after Class 12.

The Scholarship seeks to address the financial constraints that prevent many girls from accessing college education. Under this initiative, shortlisted candidates will receive a scholarship of INR 30,000 per year for the entire duration (two to five years) of the undergraduate diploma/ degree programme. This amount may be used to cover tuition fees or any other expenses incurred towards the completion of their education.

Eligibility Criteria:

The Scholarship is open for all girl students who have,

- Passed their Class 10 and Class 12 in regular mode from a local government school of Odisha.
- Have secured admission in the first year of college in a regular and recognised degree or diploma programme of minimum of 2 years of duration. The college could be government college or a credible, bona fide private college in any part of the country.

Please note, the selection process will be entirely based on the eligibility criteria mentioned above, without any consideration of merit, caste, class, category, religion, or ethnicity.

In 2025-26, we are aiming to cover all districts of Odisha and support up to 20,000 eligible girl students through this initiative.

We seek your kind support and cooperation in enabling implementation of this initiative across the state. With your continued guidance and support, we are confident that this initiative will significantly enhance access to higher education and life opportunities for thousands of young women in Odisha.

We look forward to your kind support.

Thank you and warm regards,

Rajkishor Mishra

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Azim Premji Foundation, Odisha

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Azim Premji Scholarship

Guidelines for Document Required

This document provides detailed guidelines for documents required for completion of application for the Azim Premji Scholarship. Please read the following instructions carefully and thoroughly before submitting your application.

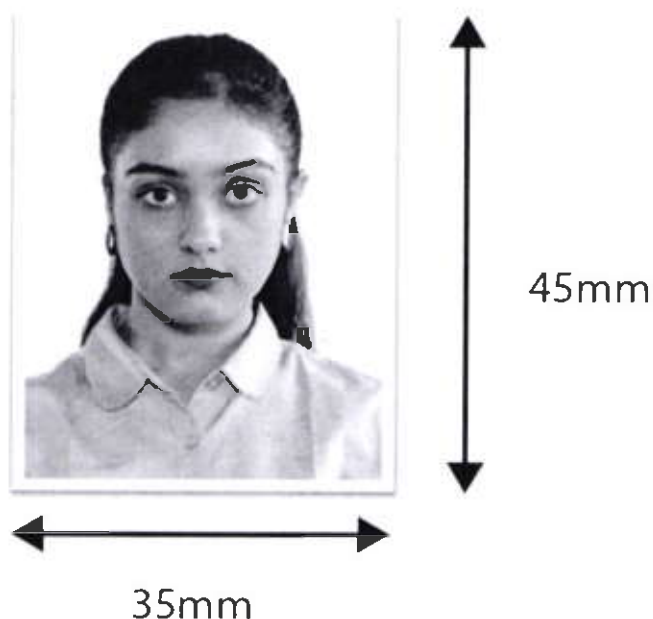
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1 Photograph (Profile Picture)

- 1.1. Applicant has to upload a coloured and clearly visible scanned copy of their passport-size (35mmX45mm) photograph with a plain background taken within last 6 months from time of applying for the scholarship.
- 1.2. The file type should be JPEG/ JPG/ PNG format and file size should be between 50KB to 3MB.
- 1.3. Applicant must upload a good quality, colour photograph taken in a well-lit setting with plain background where their face covers more than 50% of the photograph.
- 1.4. The photograph must show the frontal face view looking directly into the camera and must necessarily show the forehead, eyes, nose, ears, and chin.
- 1.5. The face in the photograph must not be covered with any objects such as caps, hats, sunglasses, coloured glasses, etc.
- 1.6. The face must be visible clearly and not covered by any cloth, their own hair or shadow.
- 1.7. The photograph should not have any emojis, social media app filters or anything written on them.
- 1.8. Photograph should not be edited to brighten the colours or alter the shape of the image in the photograph.
- 1.9. **Please note: DO NOT upload** a black and white photograph or screenshots of photos from your phone/computer or cropped portion from another photograph/image.

1.10. Sample:



2 AADHAAR Card

- 2.1. Applicants need to upload a coloured, clearly visible scanned soft copy of their original AADHAAR card as their primary ID proof.
- 2.2. The uploaded soft copy of AADHAAR should clearly display applicant's name, gender, date of birth, AADHAAR number and photo.
- 2.3. The AADHAAR file should NOT be locked or masked.
- 2.4. The file uploaded can be in JPEG/ JPG/ PNG/ PDF format. The file size must be between 100 KB to 1.5 MB.
- 2.5. **Please note: DO NOT upload** a photocopy, or screen shot, or black and white image of the AADHAAR card.

3 Class 10th Marksheet

- 3.1. Applicants need to upload a coloured, clearly visible scanned soft copy of their original Class 10th marksheet.
- 3.2. The uploaded soft copy of class 10th marksheet should clearly display all the details of the marksheet such as applicant's name, school name, mode of education, serial number, roll number, year of passing, sign/seal of relevant authority and so on.

3.3. The file uploaded can be in JPEG/ JPG/PNG/PDF format. The file size must be between 300 KB to 1.5 MB.

3.4. **Please note: DO NOT upload** a photocopy, or screen shot, or black and white file of the Class 10 Marksheet.

4 Class 12th Marksheet

4.1. Applicants need to upload a coloured, clearly visible soft copy of their original Class 12th marksheet.

4.2. The uploaded soft copy of class 12th marksheet should clearly display all the details of the marksheet such as applicant's name, school name, mode of education, serial number, roll number, year of passing, sign/seal of relevant authority and so on.

4.3. The file uploaded can be in JPEG/ JPG/PNG/PDF format. The file size must be between 300 KB to 1.5 MB.

4.4. **Please note: DO NOT upload** a photocopy, or screen shot, or black and white file of the Class 12th Marksheet.

5 Admission Proof

5.1. Applicants need to submit atleast one document as a proof of admission.

5.2. This proof of admission could be either an Admission Fee Receipt or an Admission Letter or a Bona Fide certificate.

5.3. The proof of admission should clearly display the applicant's name, their admission details of the name of the college, course start date, current year of study and course type.

5.4. This proof of admission could be either system generated or hand-written on the official letterhead of the institute with a seal/sign of the relevant authority. All the information stated in point 5.3 should be clearly visible.

5.5. Further, document-wise details are given below:

5.5.1. Admission Fee Receipt

5.5.1.1. The proof of admission should clearly display applicant's name, college name, course start date/current year of study and course type.

5.5.1.2. The Admission Fee Receipt must necessarily have a serial number and transaction date. There should not be any overwriting, scribbling or any other edits on the document.

5.5.1.3. It must be either system generated or printed or handwritten on the official letterhead of the University or College with a seal and sign of the relevant authority.

5.5.1.4. The soft copy uploaded can be in JPEG/ JPG/PNG/PDF format. The file size must be between 300 KB to 1.5 MB.

5.5.1.5. **Please note: DO NOT upload** a photocopy, or screen shot of the Admission Fee Receipt.

5.5.2. Admission Letter/Slip

5.5.2.1. The proof of admission should clearly display applicant's name, college name, course start date, current year of study, course duration and course type.

5.5.2.2. The Admission Slip/Letter should confirm admission/reporting of the applicant at the said institute.

5.5.2.3. It must be either system generated or printed or handwritten on the official letterhead of the University or College with a seal and sign of the relevant authority.

5.5.2.4. The soft copy uploaded can be in JPEG/ JPG/PNG/PDF format. The file size must be between 300 KB to 1.5 MB.

5.5.2.5. **Please note: DO NOT upload** a photocopy, or screen shot of the Admission Slip/Letter.

5.5.3. Bona Fide Certificate

5.5.3.1. The proof of admission should clearly display applicant's name, college name, course start date, current year of study, course duration and course type.

5.5.3.2. It must be either system generated or printed or handwritten on the official letterhead of the University or College with a seal and sign of the relevant authority.

5.5.3.3. If handwritten, it should be readable and information as in point 5.5.3.1 should be clearly visible.

5.5.3.4. The soft copy uploaded can be in JPEG/ JPG/PNG/PDF format. The file size must be between 300 KB to 1.5 MB.

5.5.3.5. **Please note: DO NOT upload** a photocopy, or screen shot of the Bona Fide Certificate.

Disclaimer: The Foundation does not charge any fee at any stage of the scholarship application process. Beware of impostors who make such statements with the intent to cheat. Students are requested to exercise caution and not fall prey to such scams.