

Scholarship Guidelines

Progress Akanksha Scholarship for Women
in STEM



ABOUT

Progress is the trusted provider of AI-powered digital experiences and infrastructure software to help businesses achieve their goals. With Progress products, customers can develop, deploy and manage responsible AI-powered applications and digital experiences with agility and ease. We work hard every day to positively impact our *people*, our *communities* and our *planet*. These three pillars form the foundation of our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, *Progress for Tomorrow*.

Akanksha (origin: Sanskrit) translates to Aspire, which is a state of mind and spirit to seek progress and overcome challenges with grit and determination.

The scholarship is awarded to a single recipient annually.

AWARD

An annual scholarship up to INR 1,50,000 with the exact amount to be determined based on the student's financial need at her university.



ELIGIBILITY

Requirements

The recipient of the Progress Akanksha Scholarship for Women in STEM must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. A young woman with Indian citizenship
2. Enrolled in the first year of college and majoring in Computer Science Engineering (CSE), Computer Science Information Technology (CSIT), or related courses
3. Aggregate marks secured in the 12th standard or equivalent examination must be 75% or above
4. Family income must not exceed INR 8,00,000

Exclusions

1. Progress employees, board members and their families are not eligible
2. Students in graduate school are not eligible

For the purpose of this scholarship, STEM is defined as **computer science, software engineering, IT and/or computer information systems**



SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

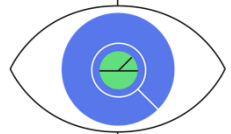
Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on academic achievement, financial need, interest and experience in computer science, software engineering, IT and/or computer information systems, and personal attributes that exemplify qualities, including, but not limited to, high personal integrity, a passion for learning and spirit to seek progress and overcome challenges with grit and determination.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete applications are due on **Friday, April 11, 2025**. Please follow instructions carefully.

To access the application, click here: [2025 Akanksha Scholarship](#)

1. Review the eligibility requirements to make sure you are eligible to submit
2. Review the sample application to be sure you have all the information you will need to complete the application process
3. Fill out the form with your contact information
4. Upload the necessary documents and submit the application form
5. If you have questions, please email scholarships@progress.com



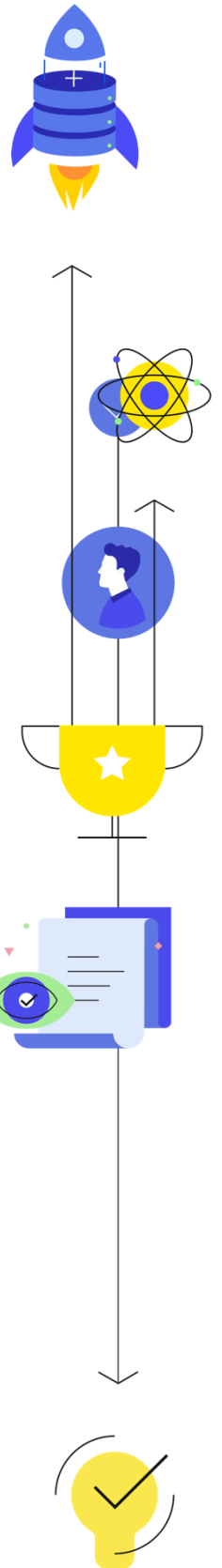
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following materials are required. Only fully completed applications will be considered.

1. **Completed and submitted** online application
2. **One essay** is required.
 - a. Essay Prompt (500-1000 words)
 - i. Please share your passion for STEM, where it started, and what you hope to achieve. Additionally, please dedicate some of your essay to any extra-curriculars, volunteering, or community engagement you have been involved in and the impact those programs had on you.
3. **Copy of XII Mark Sheet**
4. **Copy of Government ID/Aadhaar Card**
5. **University Admissions Letter**
6. **Proof of Family Income Certificate, BPL, or similar**
7. **Resume/CV**

TIMELINE

1. Complete applications are due on **Friday, April 11, 2025**
2. Selected applicants will be invited for interviews in late April/early May
3. Scholarship recipient will be notified in June
4. Scholarship applicants not selected will be notified of decisions via email in late May
5. Scholarship recipient will be publicly announced by Progress in June



RENEWING THE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship recipients are eligible to renew their scholarship for up to four years in a five-year period while pursuing an undergraduate degree, provided the following requirements are met:

1. Submit year-end transcripts
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 7.0 on a 10.0 scale (or its equivalent)
3. Remain enrolled in an accredited university, college, or trade school
4. Maintain a major in computer science, software engineering, IT and/or computer information systems

REVISIONS

Progress reserves the right to review the eligibility and terms of this scholarship and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Please contact scholarships@progress.com