

Scholarship Guidelines

Progress Akanksha Scholarship for Women in STEM

ABOUT

Progress is the trusted provider of AI-powered digital experiences and infrastructure software that empowers organizations to achieve transformational success in the face of disruptive change. Our software enables our customers to develop, deploy and manage responsible AI-powered applications and personalized digital experiences with agility and ease. We work hard every day to positively impact our *people*, our *global community* 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 accomplish challenges with grit.

AWARD

- A renewable scholarship while pursuing an undergraduate degree.
- The annual scholarship is up to INR 1,50,000 and the scholarship amount will be determined based on the student's financial need at the college they attend.

ELIGIBILITY

Requirements

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

- Indian Citizen
- Woman
- Applicants must be enrolled in the first year of college and majoring in Computer Science Engineering (CSE), Computer Science Information Technology (CSIT) or related courses
- Aggregate marks secured in the 12th standard or equivalent examination must be 75% or above
- Applicant's family income must not exceed INR 5,00,000

Exclusions

- Progress employees, board members and their families are not eligible
- 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

Progress partners with Kaleidoscope for the management of the scholarship. To apply for the scholarship, you must create an account with Kaleidoscope.

Two 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 accomplish challenges with determination.

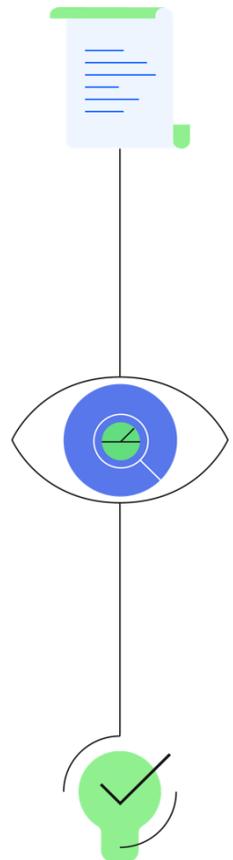
APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete applications are due on **13 April 2026 at 11:59 p.m. IST**. Please follow instructions carefully.

To access the application, click here: [Akanksha Scholarship 2026](#)

1. Create your Kaleidoscope account and log in
2. Review the Kaleidoscope [Privacy Policy](#)
3. Review the eligibility requirements and compile your documents
4. Complete and submit the online application
5. If you have questions, please email help@mykaleidoscope.com

A note on Data Privacy: As part of the application process, you will need to provide information related to your financial status for the purpose of assessing financial needs. Please be advised that all personal data will be collected, processed and owned by Kaleidoscope Scholarship Fund, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation. Kaleidoscope Scholarship Fund will act as an independent data controller and you can [review their Privacy Policy](#) for more information on your rights as well as how to exercise them.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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

1. **Resume/CV**
2. **Government ID/Aadhaar Card**
3. **Copy of XII-Mark sheet**
4. **Copy of JEE/CET scorecard or university entrance exam scorecard**
5. **Admission/Seat Allotment letter from your University**
6. **Family Income Certificate/BPL or similar**
7. **Essay (500-1000 Words)**
 - a. Please share your passion for STEM, where it started and what you hope to achieve after earning your degree. Additionally, please share some of the ways you have had a positive impact on others through volunteering, mentorship or community engagement. Initiatives related to STEM are a plus!



A note on AI use: While AI tools can help with editing, streamlining and ideating, the thoughtful core of your essay and the words should be your own. If asked further questions about your essay and background, you should be able to elaborate without assistance.

TIMELINE

- Complete applications are due **13 April 2026**
- Selected applicants will be invited for interviews in late May - June
- Applicants will be notified of results in late June
- Scholarship recipient will be publicly announced by Progress in September

RENEWING THE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship recipients are eligible to renew their scholarship up to three times in a four-year period. For renewal you must meet the following requirements:

- Remain enrolled in your academic institution
- Maintain a major in Computer Science Engineering (CSE), Computer Science Information Technology (CSIT) or related courses
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 7.0 on a 10.0 scale or 70% marks (or equivalent)
- Submit year-end transcripts / marks sheets

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 help@mykaleidoscope.com

