

Students are hereby informed that the last date for submission of application for Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Academic Year 2024-25 is extended upto May 30, 2026 (5.00pm)

Acceptable Income Certificates for Merit-cum-Means Scholarship (AY 2024–25)

For the purpose of determining eligibility under the Merit-cum-Means Scholarship for the Academic Year 2024–25, the following documents shall be accepted as valid proof of family income:

1. Applicants from the State of Assam

- A *Family Income Certificate* issued by a designated and competent authority through the Sewa Setu Portal; or
- A certificate issued by any other duly authorized Government platform/office/department.
- In the case of salaried employees or pensioners, a certificate issued by the employer or the designated authority of the Pension Department must be submitted, along with supporting documents such as recent salary slips, Form 16, or pension statements.

2. Applicants from States other than Assam

- An Income Certificate issued by the designated Government authority of the concerned State shall be submitted.
- Certificates issued by private entities or any unauthorized source shall not be accepted.

3. Self-employed / Business Families

- Applicants whose parents/guardians are self-employed or engaged in business/professional activities may submit the Income Tax Return (ITR) for the relevant financial year, duly acknowledged by the Income Tax Department.
- Only duly filed returns supported by the ITR-V (acknowledgement) and/or the Intimation issued by the Income Tax Department under Section 143(1) shall be accepted. Mere draft returns, unverified filings, or documents generated prior to successful submission of the return shall not be considered.

4. General Conditions

- Documents obtained through RTI applications or from any unofficial source shall not be accepted.
- Applicants are advised to ascertain the competent Income Certificate issuing authority in their respective states and submit only duly authorized documents.
- All submitted documents shall be subject to verification by the University, and any discrepancy may lead to rejection of the application.