

BHUTAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
SPORTS EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
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In 2009, His Majesty the 5th Druk Gyalpo articulated a vision to, *“encourage the growth of sports as an integral part of the academic experience of youth activity and national endeavor and achievement.”*

In line with this noble vision and to encourage and enable promising young sport persons to continue their academic pursuit, the Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC) has introduced this scholarship.

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Provide sports scholarships in the Royal University of Bhutan every year to study diploma or undergraduate programmes by students who have demonstrated the highest level of performance in sports.

2. SCHOLARSHIP

The BOC will provide the tuition fee and stipend to the concerned Colleges at the existing government rates for the period of the study;

The RUB will provide up to twenty slots in its constituent Colleges;

All opportunities and facilities available at the Colleges, for the other students, would be admissible to the students receiving the sports scholarships.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS

For an individual to be eligible for a Scholarship, the individual must satisfy all of the following criteria:

3.1. Athletes:

- 3.1.1. The candidate must be a Bhutanese national;
- 3.1.2. The selection of students will be based on the candidates having passed the class XII examination and meeting the basic minimum criteria for admission set by the Royal University of Bhutan;
- 3.1.3. Candidates should be an outstanding athlete and a member of the National Team, certified to this effect by the General Secretary of the concerned National Sport Federation (NSF). Where no national team exists for a particular NSF, the best athletes who have played at the national level may be considered. However, priority shall be given to:

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3.1.3.1. Medalists who can submit certificates of medals in international/national/regional games;

3.1.3.2. National Champions for the previous year, duly certified by the General Secretary of the concerned NSF;

3.1.4. Candidates must have the recommendation of the concerned NSF.

3.2. Coaches:

3.2.1. The candidate must be a Bhutanese national;

3.2.2. The candidate will be selected based on their class XII result and if the candidate meets the basic minimum criteria for admission set by the Royal University of Bhutan;

3.2.3. The candidate must have been a full fledged coach for a minimum of three years;

3.2.4. The candidate should have been a coach under NSF, Clubs, DSAs and Schools;

3.2.5. All applicants must include a signed and dated recognition and support form from the President/ General Secretary of the BOC or their National Federation or Sports Association.

3.3. Others:

3.3.1. The candidate must be a Bhutanese national;

3.3.2. The candidate will be selected based on their class XII result and if the candidate meets the basic minimum criteria for admission set by the Royal University of Bhutan;

3.3.3. The candidate should be able to demonstrate a strong commitment and potential to volunteering and/or working in sport;

3.3.4. All applicants must include a signed and dated recognition and support form from the President/ General Secretary of the BOC or their National Federation or Sports Association;

3.3.5. The candidate must provide all details of suitable training opportunities or sports program.

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4. Selection Process

- 4.1. The BOC will call the short-listed candidates for interview along with the date and venue;
- 4.2. The Interview Committee shall compile, verify and sign on the result sheet;
- 4.3. The BOC will declare the result and notify the successful candidates;
- 4.4. Along with the declaration of the selection result, the BOC or the RUB will provide the candidates with information on the reporting date.

5. Student management

- 5.1. The recipient of the scholarship shall execute an agreement with the BOC which will govern the terms and conditions of the scholarship;
- 5.2. BOC shall ensure that the fund for the scholarship is secured and timely payment made to the respective College in accordance with the College regulation;
- 5.3. The College shall review the academic performance of the student and her/his sporting contribution to the College at the end of each academic year;
- 5.4. The College shall submit the mid-term and annual academic performance progress report to BOC;
- 5.5. The recipient of the scholarship shall complete her/his study within the stipulated period of the academic programme.
- 5.6. The recipient of the scholarship will undertake full-time study as required by the College regulations;
- 5.7. The recipient of the scholarship must, however, adhere to the examination timetable and maintain the minimum attendance requirement of each College;
- 5.8. Any additional expenditure incurred for repeating failed modules will be borne by the recipient.

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6. Obligations of the scholarship Recipient

- 6.1. The recipient must strive to pursue their academic achievement and simultaneously remain active in sports;
- 6.2. The recipient must fulfill all obligations of the BOC/NSF/DSA/Club;
- 6.3. The recipient shall volunteer for all BOC/NSF/DSA/Club activities, as requested in writing to the college;
- 6.4. The recipient of the scholarship shall represent the college in any tournament that the College participates in irrespective of the membership of the recipient in other clubs;
- 6.5. The recipient of the scholarship will participate in all games or tournaments representing the country and in mandatory training programs, as requested by the BOC and the NSFs in writing, but must adhere to the examination timetable and maintaining 75% of the attendance requirement;
- 6.6. Notwithstanding the above clause, the RUB and the BOC may, after due consultation and considering all urgencies, make considerations for concessions, especially with regard to the examination timetable and attendance requirement;
- 6.7. The recipient must intern with the BOC/NSF for 3 months upon completion of his/her study.

7. Discontinuation of the scholarship

- 7.1. The scholarship will be discontinued if the recipient decides to discontinue the study;
- 7.2. The scholarship will be discontinued if the recipient fails to fulfil the academic progression criteria of the College;
- 7.3. The scholarship will be discontinued if the recipient faces disciplinary actions at the College;

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7.4. The scholarship will be discontinued if the recipient fails repeatedly to participate in games or tournaments representing the country or in mandatory training programs, as requested by the BOC and the NSFs in writing.

8. Documents required while applying

- i. Scholarship Application form duly signed and dated along with photo.
- ii. Academic Transcripts (Class X & Class XII)
- iii. Citizenship ID Card copy
- iv. Security Clearance Certificate
- v. Medical Certificate
- vi. Proof of National Team/Player, if available (for athletes)
- vii. Recommendation Letter from relevant National Sports Federations/Clubs/DSAs/DYS/School
- viii. Certificate/evidence of sporting accomplishments
- ix. CV of the applicant
- x. Merit and other Certificates (optional)