



FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE INDIA TRUST

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The Foundation For Excellence (FFE) is a registered non-profit, based in USA and was founded by the renowned serial entrepreneur, Dr. Prabhu Goel and Mrs. Poonam Goel. The Foundation for Excellence India Trust (FFEIT) was registered in 2003 as a public Charitable Trust in India to expand the scope of FFE's support and works in association with FFE. It has the same objectives as FFE, and raises resources from donors worldwide.

The mission of FFE is to transform the lives of academically brilliant but financially needy students in India by awarding merit cum means scholarships. In eighteen years since its inception in 1994, FFE has already helped over **16,094 scholars** across India, changing their lives for posterity; over **42,195 scholarships** in excess of **USD 13.7 million** have been awarded to students in 25 states in India. FFE has a network of over **500 volunteer "facilitators"** distributed throughout India who identify potential awardees, verify the genuineness of their need, and act as mentors once the scholarship is awarded. This ensures that only genuinely deserving students are awarded scholarships.

FFE awards scholarships to students pursuing degrees in Engineering, Technology and Medicine in India. The scholarship amount is **Rs. 40,000/year** for Engineering (total Rs. 1.50 Lakh over 4 years) and Medicine (total Rs. 2.0 Lakh over 5 years).

The following eligibility criteria must be met to qualify for the merit cum means scholarship:

- **Academic excellence** (The applicants should have scored not less than 70% marks at the qualifying examination which is 12th Grade and should have secured good rank in the entrance exam for entry into professional courses [State /National Level]).
- **The rank limits** are based on the seat intake capacities of the various states as authorized by the All India Council for Technical Education for engineering/technology (BE/ B Tech) degrees and by the Medical Council of India for medical (MBBS) degrees.
- **Financial need** (family income less than Rs. 1.80 lakh/annum).

Scholarships are renewed annually based on continued academic excellence and financial need. The objective is to help students make the transition to economic stability within a single generation. FFE has helped thousands of such individuals become qualified professionals.

An individual/organization/company can choose to sponsor scholar(s) in a specific state or branch of study under the "Adopt a Scholar" Program. Donors will have an opportunity of interacting/communicating with the students they support and will receive yearly updates regarding the students' progress and status.

FFEIT (India Trust) accepts contributions in Rupees and non-Indian currency as FFE India Trust has received FCRA approval (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act) from the Govt. of India. Donations to FFEIT enjoy tax exemptions under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act. 100% of all contributions go directly towards the scholarship; there are no donor overheads as its low administrative costs are currently met by FFE's founders.

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