IndianOil Acers
Sports Scholarship Scheme 2026

1. Sports Disciplines and Number of Scholarships

1.1. 300 Scholarships shall be offered in three categories viz. Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior to sportspersons in the following 25 sports disciplines. The indicative no. of scholarships, sports-wise, are as under:

Sports Wise indicative no. of scholarships										
Sl. No.	Sport	Male (M)				Female (F)				M+F
		Sub-Jr	Jr	Sr	Sub-tot	Sub-Jr	Jr	Sr	Sub-tot	Total
1	Archery	2	5	2	9	2	5	2	9	18
2	Athletics	3	5	2	10	3	5	2	10	20
3	Badminton	2	3	2	7	2	3	2	7	14
4	Basketball (T)	1	3	1	5	1	3	1	5	10
5	Billiards & S	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	6
6	Boxing	3	5	2	10	3	5	2	10	20
7	Carrom	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	6
8	Chess	2	3	2	7	2	3	2	7	14
9	Cricket (T)	2	5	2	9	2	5	2	9	18
10	Football (T)	1	3	1	5	1	3	1	5	10
11	Golf	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	3	6
12	Gymnastics	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	3	6
13	Hockey (T)	2	5	2	9	2	5	2	9	18
14	Judo	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	6
15	Kabaddi (T)	1	3	1	5	1	3	1	5	10
16	Kho-Kho (T)	1	3	1	5	1	3	1	5	10
17	Rowing	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	6
18	Shooting	3	5	2	10	3	5	2	10	20
19	Squash	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	6
20	Swimming	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	6
21	Table Tennis	2	3	2	7	2	3	2	7	14
22	Tennis	2	3	2	7	2	3	2	7	14
23	Volleyball (T)	1	3	1	5	1	3	1	5	10
24	Weightlifting	2	3	2	7	2	3	2	7	14
25	Wrestling	2	5	2	9	2	5	2	9	18
	Total	40	75	35	150	40	75	35	150	300

[Sub-Jr = Sub-Junior; Jr = Junior; Sr = Senior; T = Team Game]

1.2. In case there are vacancies in any of the categories due to non-availability of eligible candidates, the same would be filled from other categories in the same game.

1.3. Vacancies in any sport discipline may be filled by eligible sportspersons in other sport disciplines, subject to merit and overall performance of the sportspersons in that sport.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1. Age Criteria: The applicant must be 25 years of age or below as on the last date of application, i.e., 25th November 2026.

2.2. Performance criteria: Applicants must meet the following performance criteria for selection under the Elite and Scholar sub-categories:

	Elite	Scholar
Team Games	Represented Indian national team in an international tournament, OR selected in the latest Indian team camp or core group, in the Sub-Junior, Junior, Youth or Senior categories	Represented State team in the latest recognised national tournament in the Sub-Junior, Junior, Youth or Senior categories
Individual Games	National ranking of 1 to 5, OR finalist or semi-finalist at the Nationals, OR member of the Indian team in official international events, in the Sub-Junior, Junior, Youth or Senior categories	National ranking of 6 to 10, OR quarter-finalist in a recognised national tournament, in the Sub-Junior, Junior, Youth or Senior categories

2.3. Performance Assessment

- The ranking or position achieved in the latest National Championship or National Selection Tournament of the sports discipline held before the date of advertisement of this scheme (2026), will be considered.
- The latest results or rankings published on the official websites of the Government-recognised sports bodies, and/or official communication from such sports bodies, will be considered.
- Any Ranking/ Certificates / Performance related communication issued by any National Sports Federation of any sports discipline which is de-recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports / Ministry dealing with Sports, will not be accepted for evaluation.
- A sportsperson can apply in any one category only, i.e., Sub-Junior OR Junior OR Senior.
- In any category where competition is held in multiple age-groups [e.g., U-14, U-15, U-16 under “Sub-Junior” category], if more than 1 applicant have the same ranking or similar performance in different age-groups [e.g., U-14, U-15, U-16], preference will be given to the sportsperson who competed in the higher age group tournament, where level of competition is comparatively higher. In case more than 1 applicant have same or similar performance within the same age-group [e.g., U-14], preference will be given to the sportsperson younger in age.

2.4. Other criteria

- Only 'events' considered under various sports disciplines at LA Olympics 2028 and Asian Games 2026 will be considered for selection unless specified otherwise.
- In Athletics, only individual events will be considered.
- In Archery, only Recurve, Compound and Indian round will be considered.
- In Hockey, only 11-a-side Field Hockey will be considered.
- In Football, only 11-a-side Association Football will be considered.
- In Kabaddi, only Standard Style Kabaddi will be considered.
- In Swimming, only individual events in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly will be considered.
- In Chess, only events under Classical Time Control will be considered.
- In Cricket, on fulfilling the main eligibility criteria as mentioned at 2.2 above, eligible sportspersons shall be ranked as per their performance in respective categories as below:
  - Sub Junior and Junior categories: Top performers, each in Batting and Bowling in the Elite Group in U-16 & U-19 will be considered.
  - Senior category: Top performers, each in Batting and Bowling in the Elite Group in U-23 & Senior Events will be considered.

3. Duration and Renewal Criteria

3.1. The scholarships shall be awarded for a period of 3 years.

3.2. Performance of each scholar will be reviewed at the end of every year. Renewal for the subsequent year will be based on the previous year's performance.

3.3. If a scholar does not meet the qualifying criteria at the end of any year, the scholarship will be discontinued.

4. Scholarship Amount

4.1. The monthly scholarship amount payable under each category is as given below:

Category	Scholar (₹/month)	Elite Scholar (₹/month)
Sub-Junior	₹ 30,000	₹ 40,000
Junior	₹ 40,000	₹ 50,000
Senior	₹ 50,000	₹ 60,000

Note: Scholars / Elite Scholars shall be eligible for consideration for upgradation to the next scholarship level ('Super Acer' & 'Olympian Acer') only upon achieving the prescribed performance benchmarks during their scholarship period, subject to fulfilment of the applicable eligibility criteria. The monthly scholarship amount payable under each category is as follows

- Super Acer (₹/month): ₹ 50,000 (Sub-Junior); ₹ 60,000(Junior); ₹ 70,000(Senior)

- Olympian Acer (₹/month): ₹ 1,00,000

4.2. Annual Lump-Sum Assistance: In addition to the monthly scholarship, each scholar in every category is eligible for the following annual lump-sum assistance:

Sl. No.	Purpose	Max. (₹/year)
1.	Participation in tournaments, sports related equipment, etc.	₹ 80,000
2.	Medical insurance premium	₹ 3,000
3.	Attire bearing IOCL logo	₹ 5,000

[Lump-sum payment will be made upon receipt of documentary proof of claimed expense, subject to the maximum amount specified above.]

5. Condition for Award of Scholarship

5.1. If the application is not submitted in line with the Terms and Conditions, then the application is liable for rejection.

5.2. Applicants, who are employed or are receiving a similar scholarship from any other corporate, organization, or institution as on the date of advertisement, can apply for IndianOil Acers Programme. However, they must submit an undertaking to discontinue their current scholarship programme upon selection for IndianOil Acers Programme. The scholarship shall be discontinued for any athlete who gets employment / scholarship from any other corporate, organization, or institution during the tenure of this scheme.

5.3. Age proof and Performance certificates of the shortlisted sportspersons shall be verified with originals at IndianOil's designated offices on dates that will be informed to the shortlisted sportspersons subsequently. The sportspersons will be required to visit IndianOil's designated offices at their own expenses.

6. On-line Submission of Applications:

6.1. Sportspersons should necessarily submit their application online in the formats given on the website with all columns duly filled in. They should upload their passport size photograph, certificate of proof of age and performance. Applicants are requested to attach the following documents:

- Certificate of age proof (anyone):
  - Matriculation Certificate OR School Leaving Certificate (showing date of birth)
  - Passport OR Aadhar Card OR Birth certificate issued by Municipality or Gram Panchayat
- Performance Certificate:
  - At least one certificate has to be attached pertaining to performance.
  - Maximum three certificates can be attached.

6.2. Once submitted online, the applicant cannot make any changes in the submitted application.
6.3. The website will close for submissions on 25th November 2026 (11:59 PM) and no application will be accepted after the due date.
6.4. No application will be entertained by post, e-mail or any other mode of communication.
6.5. The acknowledgement of the On-line Application submission and Final list of selected candidates will be conveyed by e-mail and SMS on the registered mobile number and email address of the candidate.

For any assistance, please contact:

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