

The Ultimate Guide to BITS Scholarships: Merit & Merit-Cum-Need (MCN)

Navigating college finances can feel challenging, but this comprehensive guide breaks down everything you need to know about securing a Merit or Merit-Cum-Need (MCN) scholarship.

Merit vs. MCN: The Quick Breakdown

Feature	Merit Scholarship	Merit-Cum-Need (MCN)
Primary Eligibility	Academic Excellence only (Top-tier CGPA).	Academic Performance + Family Income Limit.
Income Cap	None! Anyone with a high enough CGPA can get it.	Gross Family Income < 15 LPA
First Semester	Based entirely on your BITSAT Score.	Based entirely on your BITSAT Score.
Subsequent Semesters	Based on your cumulative CGPA.	Based on your cumulative CGPA.
Application Portal	Automatic allotment based on grades.	Must manually apply via the SWD website.

Deep Dive: Everything About MCN

If your family income falls within the eligibility bracket, MCN is an incredible way to slash your tuition costs.

FAMILY INCOME MEANS TOTAL INCOME OF MOTHER AND FATHER MENTIONED IN ITR BEFORE TAX

The Document Checklist

To get your MCN application approved through the SWD (Student Welfare Division) portal, you need to gather and submit three core documents:

- **ITR Acknowledgement Form** (for the relevant financial year).
- **Computation of Income** statement.

Pro-Tip: Take it lite for now if you haven't joined the campus yet! You will get detailed instructions on how and when to upload these to the SWD website once your semester kicks off.

The Cutoff Dashboard

Scholarship cutoffs shift every semester depending on how well the batch performs. Let's look at the actual data trends extracted from campus records.

Recent Campus Cutoffs

Hyderabad Campus

(Note: Documents and criteria are the same as for Pilani Campus)

- MCN 100%: 8.24 CGPA
- MCN 50%: 7.76 CGPA
- MCN 25%: 6.85 CGPA
- MCN 10%: 6.00 CGPA

PILANI CAMPUS CUTOFF

Merit Scholarship Cutoffs (CGPA)

Batch	100%	50%	40%
2022	9.75		9.26
2023	9.83		9.40
2024	9.71	9.54	
2025	10.00	9.77	

MCN Scholarship Cutoffs (CGPA)

Batch	100%	80%	50%	40%	25%	10%
2022		8.36		7.66	6.01	
2023		8.95		7.84	6.00	
2024	8.60		8.21		7.47	6.00

Batch	100%	80%	50%	40%	25%	10%
2025	8.51		7.95		6.87	6.00

- **Gross family income MORE than 15LPA:** Focus entirely on Merit Scholarships. You'll need to aim for a near-perfect CGPA ($\geq 9.7+$).
- **Gross family income LESS than 15 LPA:** You qualify for MCN! Keep your paperwork ready and target a much more forgiving CGPA safety net.

Further Assistance

if you have any questions regarding Counseling or preference filling, feel free to reach out to us!

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