

# Smarter India Logical Reasoning & Aptitude Scholarship 2026

## Official Rules & Process

### 1. Overview

The *Smarter India Logical Reasoning & Aptitude Scholarship 2026* (“Scholarship”) is a merit-based national program designed to recognize problem-solving, logical reasoning, and analytical ability. The Scholarship is organized by **Logical Reasoning Online (“Organizer”)** and is conducted entirely online through the official website [www.logicalreasoningonline.com/](http://www.logicalreasoningonline.com/).

### 2. Eligibility

2.1 The Scholarship is open to individuals who:

- Are Indian citizens at the time of registration.
- Are between 16–45 years of age on April 5, 2026 (date of closing of registration).
- Have entered accurate information while registering.

2.2 The Scholarship is merit-based. It is not linked to the purchase of any course or service. Participants can use any material for preparation.

2.3 The Organizer reserves the right to request proof of government-issued ID (e.g., Aadhaar, PAN, Passport). Failure to produce proper proof within the given time period will result in disqualification.

2.4 Organizer staff members, sub-contractors, or the Organizer’s immediate relatives are ineligible.

### 3. Registration

3.1 Registration will close on April 5, 2026, 11:59 PM IST.

3.2 A single registration per Participant is permitted. Duplicate registrations, fake names, or multiple registrations using various emails, devices, IP addresses, or VPNs will result in immediate disqualification.

3.3 System-automatic registration details (with timestamp) will be applied towards tie-breaking purposes.

3.4 By confirming registration, the Participant understands that all data entered is correct, true, and complete. Incomplete or incorrect data may lead to rejection of the application.

### 4. Selection Process

The Scholarship has four rounds. All the rounds are online on the official website [www.logicalreasoningonline.com](http://www.logicalreasoningonline.com/).

#### **Round 1 – Online Test**

- Date: April 18, 2026
- Duration: 60 minutes
- Format: Multiple-choice questions (MCQs) on logical reasoning and analytical ability.
- Advancement: The candidates who score in the top 30% advance to Round 2.

*Example: If 1000 students appear, then only the top 300 (30%) will advance.*

## **Round 2 – Online Test**

- Date: April 25, 2026
- Duration: 60 minutes
- Format: More-difficult MCQs on logical reasoning and analytical ability.
- Advancement: The top 50 performers will advance to the Shortlisting Interview.

*Example: If 300 students participate in Round 2, only the top 50 will advance to the shortlisting interview.*

## **Shortlisting Interview**

- Date: May 2, 2026
- Format: One-on-one interviews with a panel nominated by the Organizer.
- Conducted through Zoom/webinar platform.
- Purpose: To evaluate thought depth in Logical reasoning and analytical ability, and practicality.
- Advancement: Six finalists will be shortlisted for the Final Interview.

## **Final Interview**

- Date: May 16, 2026
- Interview Format: Expert Panel one-on-one interview.
- Held via Zoom/webinar platform.
- Makes final ranking and award allocation decision.

## **Result Announcement**

- Date: May 23, 2026
- Final winners announced publicly on the Website.

## **5. Scoring**

5.1 Each stage will have its own marking criteria. Marks from one stage do not transfer to the next.

5.2 Round 1 & 2 Online Tests: Scores will be based on correct answers. Each correct answer will be given 1 point, and each wrong or skipped question will be penalized (negative marking) by 1 point.

5.3 Shortlisting & Final Interviews:

- 95% weight: Panel evaluation (communication, reasoning, analytical skills).
- 5% weight: Public voting.

## **6. Tie-Breakers**

In the event two or more Participants have equal scores for the same round, advancement will be decided in the following sequence:

a) Less time taken to complete the test will be given priority.

*Example: Two participants with a score of 80/100, where Participant A completes in 38 minutes and Participant B completes in 44 minutes, Participant A is ranked higher.*

b) In the event of still being tied, the scholarship application registration date and time are prioritized.

*Example: Participant A registered for the scholarship on 15 November 2025 at 10:32 AM. Participant B registered for the scholarship on 16 November 2025 at 4:45 PM. Both scored 80/100 and finished the test in*

42 minutes. In this case, Participant A ranks higher since he/she registered earlier than Participant B.

c) If still tied, a random draw will be used.

## **7. Confirmation of Winners**

7.1 All provisional winners are subject to verification of eligibility and compliance with these Rules before the awards are finalized.

7.2 Contestants shall provide the following within 7 calendar days on being asked:

- Government-issued photo identification (Aadhar, Passport, Voter ID, etc.).
- Age and Indian citizenship verification.
- Any other documents reasonably necessary for the Organizer.

7.3 Failure to produce documents within the stipulated deadline will result in automatic forfeiture of the award.

## **8. Awards & Recognition**

### **8.1 Scholarship Awards**

- **Top Scholar (1st Place):** ₹1,00,000 + U.S. Career Exposure Visit (local stay and local transport in the US included).
- **2nd & 3rd Place:** ₹50,000 each + Virtual U.S. mini-project with international recommendation.
- **20 Merit Awards:** ₹10,000 each.
- **Completion Certificates:** Awarded to all who complete Round 2 successfully.

### **8.2 Payment Method**

- All cash awards will be disbursed by cheque in the winner's name, within 30 days of formal declaration of results.
- The Organizer will deduct relevant TDS under the Indian Income Tax Act, 1961.

### **8.3 Travel & Virtual Opportunities**

- The U.S. visit and virtual project opportunities are **optional add-ons**, not cash equivalents.
- If a winner cannot or chooses not to participate in these opportunities, they will forfeit them without compensation. The cash award remains payable.
- The Awards are non-transferable, non-exchangeable, and may not be substituted by any other benefit except as determined by the Organizer at its sole discretion.

## **9. Disqualification**

9.1 A Participant may be disqualified at any time for:

- Giving false or misleading information.
- Multiple registrations, impersonation, or identity fraud.
- Cheating, plagiarism, use of unfair means, or unauthorized assistance.
- Collusion with test results, interview marks, or public voting.
- Violation of these Rules or Terms & Conditions.

9.2 Disqualification will result in permanent blacklisting from all future scholarships and events organized by the Organizer.

## **10. Intellectual Property**

10.1 All content, test questions, interview materials, course material references, and related intellectual property used in connection with the Scholarship are the exclusive property of the Organizer.

10.2 Participants are granted a limited, non-transferable right to use the Scholarship platform solely for participation. No content may be copied, reproduced, distributed, or shared in any form without the Organizer's prior written consent.

10.3 Any attempt to record, distribute, or commercialize Scholarship questions, interview content, or related materials will result in immediate disqualification and may lead to legal action, including claims for damages.