Announcing

Gifted World Scholarships

for Gifted Summer Program (May 2025)

Context

200,000+ students took the ASSET diagnostic in 2024; out of this pool, 35,000+ were invited to sit for ASSET Talent Search ('ATS'; two levels above current Grade); 6,000+ students applied to be assessed on the ATS.

1800+ students were placed in the top 15% of this pool. This is within the top 1% of all students on the ASSET diagnostic, which we could extrapolate to much less than the top 1% of all students in India (given that progressive schools tend to work with Ei on their diagnostic assessments).

Identification is Step 1 in the journey of these ATS Gold, Silver, Bronze Scholars. To move from **Potential** → **Ability** → **Eminence**, these students in the Top 1% of their peer groups, are invited to participate in additional nurturing opportunities, in India and abroad.

Unfortunately, the costs of making these opportunities available to the very best - including world-class mentors, excellent infrastructure (including high-end hostels, food, classrooms, laboratories, etc.) - are significant - whether one looks at this as a fraction of a household's annual income, or in relation to the annual academic fees at their respective schools.

GenWise's Gifted Summer Programs, delivered at the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, while significantly less expensive than similar quality programs abroad (e.g. Hopkins' CTY, Northwestern's CTD, or the Duke TIP Programs), are still priced at Rs 200,000 for this 22-day, fully residential program.

GenWise commits to fully, or partially support these very best students, who are currently in Grades 5 through 8, for GSP May 2025. We are **offering 150 scholarships, valued at Rs 200 lakhs**.

Details below.

Types of Scholarships

Three types of scholarships are being offered - merit-based, need-based, and diversity - to ensure a balance across quality, financial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Merit-based Scholarships: ATS Gold Scholars

- Awarded to top performers in ATS
- 95th percentile and above
- The top 20 applicants in this band will receive a 100% scholarship
- The next 30 applicants will receive a 50% scholarship
- No financial information required

Need-based Scholarships: ATS Silver & Bronze Scholars

- Awarded based on financial need assessment, to the <u>top 50 applicants</u>, who register for GSP May 2025
- Covers 30% to 100% of program fees for students in the 85th+ percentile
- Requires submission of family income proof and financial statements.

Diversity Scholarships: Other ATS Scholars

- Aimed at increasing representation from underserved regions or groups (e.g. girl students from the Navodaya school system, students from semi-urban/ rural schools, etc. - anyone who faces barriers - including cost, accessibility and preparation)
- Covers 50% to 100% of program fees
- Must be recommended by recognised NGOs, with prior context to the schools/ student population (e.g. Akanksha Foundation, Sundara Foundation, Vidyagyan Foundation, Hippocampus, and other Education focused Trusts)
- <u>50 students</u> will be supported under this scheme.

Eligibility Criteria

- Students in Grades 5 through 8, in AY 2024-25
- Must qualify for the residential program through ATS

Application Process

- Submit scholarship application, along with program application within the specified deadline. The deadline will be announced along with the ATS results- it will be 2 weeks after the results in end Dec 2024/ early Jan 2025. A registration fee of INR 10,000 will be applicable. This will be refunded to the applicants who apply for a scholarship but are not selected. For those who are selected, it will be set off against the program fee.
- Provide necessary documentation (varies by scholarship type)
- Interview with scholarship committee (for select candidates)

Selection Process

Initial screening by administrative staff

- Review and scoring by scholarship committee a group of experts with experience in the Gifted & Talented domain
- Final selection by program directors
- Results for both selection and scholarships will be announced 3 weeks after the application deadline, by end Jan 2025.

Terms and Conditions

- Scholarships are non-transferable
- Recipients must participate in program evaluation and feedback
- Partial scholarship recipients must pay applicable fees, at least 1 month prior to program start. Non-payment will result in the loss of the non-refundable registration fee.

Renewal and Continuation

- Scholarships are awarded for one program cycle
- Recipients can reapply for future cycles, if eligible

Reporting Requirements

- Scholarship recipients must submit a post-program report
- Participate in alumni activities and mentoring (as applicable)