

**DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT :
ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR**



NMMS

NATIONAL MEANS-CUM-MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (NMMS), 2023-2024

Applications are invited for **3314** number of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (distributed among 30 districts) from the eligible students studying in **Class VIII in Government / Government Aided schools**, in the State of Odisha. The **Examination** shall be held on **05th November, 2023 (Sunday)** as per details given below.

Examination :

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship, 2023-2024 shall be conducted in **one stage** only.

Examination Fees : The candidates **are not required to pay** any examination fee. However, they shall have to bear their own expenses for coming and going to the Examination Centre to appear the examination.

Eligibility :

- The General & SEBC candidate must have secured at least **55% marks** and **50%** marks by the candidates of **Reserved Category (SC, ST, PH)** in **Class VII Annual Examination** or its equivalent.
- He / she must be studying in Class VIII during the academic session, 2023-2024 in Government / Government Aided schools of the State.
- His / her **parental annual income from all sources** should not be more than **Rs.3,50,000.00** (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Thousand) only.

Students studying in Government Residential Schools like **Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya** and **Residential Schools under ST and SC Development Department, KGBV** etc. where all expenses are paid by Govt. **are not eligible** for scholarship under the Scheme.

State Quota of Scholarship for Odisha :

The total number of **3314 scholarships** shall be distributed among 30 districts. There shall be **district-wise distribution** of scholarships for General, SC, ST, SEBC and Physically Handicapped category candidates.

Examination Subjects :

The NMMS, 2023-2024 shall comprise of **two papers** :

- 1. Mental Ability Test (MAT)** consisting of **90 multiple choice** items with four choices on reasoning and critical thinking to be answered in **90 minutes**. The questions may be on **analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern, perception, hidden figures** etc.
- 2. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** consisting of **90 multiple choice** items with four choices from **Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, History, Geography, Political Science and Economics** to be answered in **90 minutes**.

Syllabus :

There is **no syllabus** for NMMS Examination. However, questions shall be asked on the basis of syllabi of Classes VII and VIII.

Selection Procedure :

The qualifying mark for **General** and **SEBC** is **40%** in aggregate of both of the papers, i.e., **MAT and SAT**. For **reserved category (SC, ST, PH)**, this qualifying mark is **32% in aggregate of both papers**. The Merit List shall be prepared taking the total marks in both the papers secured by the candidate.

Continuation of Scholarship :

Selected candidates shall receive scholarship @ **Rs.1000.00 per month for four years i.e. from Class IX to Class XII** subject to satisfactory academic progress and continuance in institutions of eligible category and registration in NSP.

- The awardees should get promotion from Class VIII to Class IX for being eligible to get the scholarship.
- No scholarship at this stage is payable for studying Diploma / Certificate level Courses.
- For continuing the scholarship in Class X and XII the awardees should get clear promotion from Class IX to Class X and from Class XI to Class XII in the first attempt.
- The awardees must obtain a minimum of 60 percent marks in Class X (relaxable by 5% for reserved category) examination or equivalent examination for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage.

- **Selected students have to submit their continuance certificate and mark sheet of last annual examination in the concerned school every year, after opening of NSP for renewal of their scholarship, otherwise, they shall be exempted from getting their scholarship.**
- **Candidate will apply online for fresh in class-ix/renewal registration for class-x to xii in NSP. Then the concerned Institute and District shall verify the details through National Scholarship Portal every year after examining the eligibility for continuance of scholarship.**

Examination Centre :

Government Colleges / Government High Schools / Elementary Teacher Training Institutes located in district headquarters shall be the Examination Centres.

How to Apply : The candidate can fill up the Online Application Form by logging www.ntse.scertodisha.nic.in. **After filling up** of the Application Form online, candidate is **required to take the print of the same and submit it along with the requisite documents (Caste certificate, Income Certificate etc.) to the concerned Headmasters.** Application must be completed in all respects including Declaration by the Parent regarding Income and Caste. **The Headmaster shall forward it to the concerned District Education Officer after thorough verification.** The District Education Officer shall allot the Examination Centre, scrutinize and verify all the documents and put the auto generated twelve-digit roll number and validate the Online Application Form. **The Admit Card shall be prepared at TE and SCERT which can be downloaded by the**

Time Schedule :

Online filling up of Application Forms by candidates and submission of hard copies in schools by students	05.08.2023 to 31.08.2023
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	By 08.09.2023
Validation of Application Forms by District Education Office	By 25.09.2023
Download of Admit Cards by the Candidates	25.10.2023 to 05.11.2023
Date of Examination	05.11.2023 (1st Sunday)

Documents to be submitted along with the hard copy of Application Form:

A candidate is required to submit the following documents along with the Application Form.

- **Caste Certificate (Recent)**, as applicable, for **SC / ST / SEBC** candidate issued by the concerned Revenue Authority.
- **Disability Certificate (UDID Card) for Physically Handicapped** candidates issued by the concerned District Medical Board.
- **Income Certificate of the parents for all candidates (last year)** from the concerned Revenue Authority.
- Children belongs to **National Food Security Act-2013 (NFSA)** / State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) can produce the supporting document. They need not produce Income Certificate.

Filled-in hard copies of Online Application Forms received, signed by the candidates and countersigned by the concerned Head of School should be reached by 08.09.2023 to the District Education Office.

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