

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT : ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR

NATIONAL MEANS-CUM-MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (NMMS) 2016-17

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 (including Block Grant) / Local Body Schools** in the state of Odisha. The **Examination** will be held on **November 06, 2016 (Sunday)** as per details given below.

Examination :

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship, 2016-2017 will 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 Examination Centre to appear the examination.

Eligibility :

- The candidate must have secured at least **55% marks** (*relaxable by 5% for reserved category, 40% for ST category*) in **Class VII Annual Examination** or its equivalent.
- He / she must be studying in Class VIII during the academic session, 2016-2017 in Government / Government Aided (including Block Grant) / Local Body Schools of the state.
- His / her **parental annual income from all sources** should not be more than **Rs.1,50,000.00** (*Rupees One 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 **are not eligible** for scholarship under the Scheme.

State Quota of Scholarship for Odisha :

The total number of **3314 scholarships** will be distributed among 30 districts. There will be **district-wise reservation** of scholarships for SC, ST, OBC / SEBC and Physically Handicapped category candidates.

Examination Subjects :

The NMMS, 2016-2017 will 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 will be asked on the basis of syllabi of Classes VII and VIII.

Selection Procedure :

The qualifying mark is **40%** in each individual paper of **MAT and SAT**. For **reserved category**, this qualifying mark is **32% in each paper**. The Merit List will be prepared taking the total marks in both the papers secured by the candidate.

Scholarship :

Selected candidates will receive scholarship @ **Rs.500.00 per month for four years i.e. from Class IX to Class XI** subject to satisfactory academic progress and continuance in institutions of eligible category.

- The awardees should get clear promotion from Class VIII to Class IX for being eligible for starting 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 with 55% marks (relaxable by 5% for reserved category)
- 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.

Examination Centre :

Government Colleges and Government High Schools located in district headquarters will be the Examination Centres.

How to Apply : The candidate can fill up the Online Application Form by logging www.scertodisha.nic.in. After filling up of the Application Form online, he / she is **required to take the printout of the same and submit it to the concerned Headmasters**. Application must be complete in all respect including Declaration by the Parent regarding Income and Caste. **The Headmaster will forward it to the concerned District Education Officer**. The District Education Officer will 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 will be prepared at TE and SCERT which can be downloaded by the Candidate / Institution for appearing the Examination.**

For detailed instruction for filling up of Online Application Form refer to **USER MANUAL** available in the web-site.

Time Schedule :

Online filling up of Application Forms by the candidates	<i>01.08.2016 to 25.08.2016</i>
Submission of hard copy of Online Application Form to the Headmasters / Headmistress by the candidates.	<i>By 25.08.2016</i>
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	<i>By 30.08.2016</i>
Validation of Application Forms after scrutiny by District Education Officers	<i>By 10.09.2016</i>
Download of Admit Cards by the Candidates	<i>After 15.10.2016</i>
Dispatch of Roll Sheets to the Centres by TE and SCERT	<i>By 28.10.2016</i>
Date of Examination	<i>06.11.2016 (Sunday)</i>

Documents to be submitted :

- **Caste Certificate**, as applicable, for **SC / ST / OBC (SEBC)** candidate issued by the concerned Tahasildar / Additional Tahasildar.
- **Disability Certificate for Physically Handicapped** candidates issued by the concerned District Medical Board.
- Parental **Income Certificate** from the concerned Tahasildar / Additional Tahasildar
- Children of BPL / Annapurna / Antordaya / Mo Kudia Yojana family can produce the supporting document. They need not produce Income Certificate.

Filled in hard copies of Online Application Forms received after 30.08.2016 / not countersigned by the concerned Head of School will not be accepted.

**Director,
TE and SCERT,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar**