

**STATE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING, SECTOR
32-C, UT CHANDIGARH**

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMSS) Examination

Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Government of India has launched a centrally sponsored **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Scheme**. Under this scheme scholarship will be awarded to 1,00,000 students (at National level) selected at the end of class VIII. The scholarship will start from Class IX and would continue till Class XII at the rate of Rs 6000/- per annum. **The objective of the scheme is to award scholarship to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at Class VIII and to encourage them to continue their studies till Class XII.**

The students for the award of this scholarship will be selected through the **State level Test** conducted by **State Council of Educational Research and Training, UT Chandigarh** for the **class VIII students**.

- 1 **Scholarships:** On the basis of the examination, **85 scholarships** will be awarded to the students of UT Chandigarh who are appearing in **Class VIII examination**.
- 2 **Reservation:** As per State norms including 3% reservation for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students.
- 3 **Selection:** There will be **one stage** selection process for award of scholarship. The selection will be done by **State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chandigarh** through a written examination on the pattern of National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) held by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). **For the NMMS, there will be no second stage examination.**
- 4 **Important Dates:** Dates for Submission of Application Form and conduct of examination are given below:

Area	Dates
Last Date for Submission of Application Form in State Council of Educational Research and Training, Sector-32, UT Chandigarh	31st August, 2016
Date of Examination for UT Chandigarh	6th November, 2016 (Sunday)

5. **Eligibility to appear in the examination**
 - Must have scored **55% and above marks in Class VII** examination (in the academic session 2015-16) and has been promoted to class VIII (in the academic session 2016-17). 5% relaxation in marks for reserved category.
 - Studying in **Government, Local body and Private aided** Schools only.
 - Parental income from all sources should **not exceed than Rs. 1, 50,000/- per annum**
 - Parental Income Certificate issued by Govt. Employer in case if the parents are Govt. Employees and affidavit attested from Magistrate/Notary in case the parents are in any private service / job has to be attached with the form.
6. **Examination:** The pattern of **written examination** will be as follows: The examination will comprise of two parts, namely **(a) Mental Ability Test (MAT)** and **(b) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** covering Science, Social Sciences and Mathematics of classes VII and VIII level. Each test will have 100 questions. Each question will carry one mark.
7. **Merit List:** The minimum qualifying marks will be 40% for general category and 32% for reserved category students to be eligible for award of scholarship.
8. **State Quota:** Union Territory Chandigarh has been allotted a quota of 85 seats for scholarship. The division of seats will be done according to reservation policy of UT Chandigarh.
9. **Application Form:** Application Forms can be collected from the office of Director, State Institute of Education, Sector 32, Chandigarh from **1st August to 24th August, 2016** or **can be downloaded** from the website of State Institute of Education, Sector-32, Chandigarh i.e. <http://siechd.nic.in>. All correspondence relating to application form and other details should be addressed to the State Liaison Officer – **Ms.Mamta Sharma**
10. **The completed application form** duly signed by Principal of the school should be submitted to the State Liaison Officer before the last date.
11. **Announcement of Results:** Result of the NMMS examination will be announced by State Institute of Education in the last week of January 2017.