

National Talent Search Examination
National Council of Educational Research and Training
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi – 110016

National Talent Search Scheme started in the year 1963. The purpose of the scheme is to identify talented students and nurture them. This year NCERT will conduct the **National Talent Search Examination** for students studying in **Class X**.

1. **Scholarships:** On the basis of the National Talent Search Examination, 1000 scholarships will be awarded. The amount of scholarship will be as under:
 - (a) Scholarship of Rs.1250/- per month for Class-XI to XII.
 - (b) Scholarship of Rs.2000/- per month for Undergraduates and Post-graduates.
 - (c) Amount of Scholarship for Ph.D. be fixed in accordance with the UGC norms.

2. **Reservation:** 15% scholarships will be reserved for students belonging to the **SC** category, 7.5% scholarships for students belonging to the **ST** category and 3% for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students.

3. **Selection:** There will be two-stage selection process for award of scholarship. For Stage-I, selection will be done by States/UTs through a written examination. Students, who qualify **Stage-I**, will be eligible to appear for **Stage-II** examination, conducted by NCERT.

Qualifying Marks: Qualifying marks for candidates from General category is 40% in each paper and for candidates from SC, ST and PH is 32% in each paper.

Language Test Qualifying in nature and marks obtained for Language Test will not be counted for final merit.

4. **Important Dates:** Dates for submission of application form and conduct of examination, are given below:

Stage	Area	Tentative Dates
Stage-I (State)	Last Date for Submission of Application Form	* To be notified by the respective State
	Examination in Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Andaman and Nicobar Islands	05 th November, 2016 (Saturday)
	Examination in All other States and Union Territories	06 th November, 2016 (Sunday)
	Examination in Bihar and West Bengal	13 th November, 2016 (Sunday)
Stage-II (National)	Examination in All States and Union Territories	14 th May, 2017 (Sunday)

* However, it may vary from state to state.

5. **Eligibility:** All students of Class X studying in recognized schools are eligible to appear for the Stage -I examination, conducted by the States/UTs, in which the schools are located. There will be no domicile restriction. Students registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for scholarship, provided the student is below the age of 18 years (as on 1st July of the particular year), the student is not employed and s/he is appearing in class X examination for the first time.

6. **Examination:** The pattern of **written examination** will be as follows:

- **Stage-I & II :** examination at the State/UT level will comprise of three parts, namely (a) Mental Ability Test (MAT), (b) Language Test (LT) and (c) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Application Form
National Talent Search Examination, 2016-17
For the Students Studying in Class X)

Read the instruction carefully given on the next page before filling the application form.
You may take the help from your teacher/parent for filling up the application form.

- Date of Examination:
- Name & address of the agency for conducting NTS Examination:
- Name of the State/UT
(where the candidate is studying in class X as a regular student):
- Name of the examination centre
(where candidate studying in Class X or likely to appear in exam):
- **Application fee, if any** (write NIL if there is no fee):

Space for the
Photograph (Passport
size and Black & white)

The Photograph
should be endorsed by
the Head of the

Amount	DD Number	Date of DD	Name of Bank	Application No, if any
-	-	-	-	-

State Level 11 digit Roll Number

State Code Year Centre Code Serial No.(Office to fill) Class Date of birth

Date Month year

1. Name of the candidate (Do not write Miss/Master)

2. Father's name (Do not write Mr./Dr./Prof)

3. Mother's Name (Do not write Mr./Dr./Prof)

4. Sex 5. Area to which candidates resides 6. Caste category of candidate 7. Disability status

Male Female Rural Urban General SC ST OBC Orthopaedic Hearing Visually None Impaired

(Please enclose a copy of the relevant certificate in support of information at Sr.No.6 &7)

8. Postal address of the candidate for correspondence (Do not write father's or your name)

Pin Code

9. Name and address of the School/Institution in which studying at Class X level

Pin Code

10. Type of the institution in which studying at Class X (see definition overleaf*) 11. Area in which the school is located

1 Govt 2 Local Body 3 Private aided 4 Private Unaided 1 Rural 2 Urban

12. Medium of examination(a) at the state Level (b) at the NCERT Level 13. Father's education 14. Father's Occupation

15. Mother's education 16. Mother's Occupation 17. No. of family members living in the house

18. No. of brothers 19. No. of sisters 20. At what no. is the candidate among his/her brothers and sisters

21. Parental annual income (Please enclose certificate failing which the application will be rejected)

Upto 50,000 50,000 to 1,00,000 1,00,001 to 2,00,000 2,00,001 to 5,00,000 More than 5,00,000

22. Telephone * STD Code Phone 23. E-mail address

24. Mobile

(Do not leave this column blank)

To be filled by the Head of the Institution/Gazetted Officer

Certified that:

(1) Master/Miss..... is a regular student of this School/Institution and he/she has secured % marks in the class IX annual examination, i. e., when he/she was promoted from class IX to Class X. He/She has secured marks out of

(2) The particulars given by him/her in the application form have been verified and found in order.

(3) Master/Miss belongs to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe category as per the records maintained in the Institution. (to be filled for SC/ST candidates only)

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Date Signature of the Headmaster/ Headmistress/Gazetted Officer.
With seal

(See Instructions Overleaf)

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Signature of the candidate

**Common Database Structure for Candidate's Information Card for
National Talent Search Examination- 2016-17 Class-X**

Instructions:

1. Give exactly the same Field Name, Field Type and Size Type to the variables as suggested below.
2. Give File name to the data file as suggested below: See State Code on back side of Candidate's Information Card For Class X Examination: ST2_2 for State of Assam, ST2_39 for State of Maharashtra.
3. Send the data on CD. It can be sent through e-mail : ntse.ncert@yahoo.in
4. Data should only be recorded in one type of data base : Fox PRO- *dbf,SPSS, MS Excel-*.xls

Sl. No	Variable Description	Field		
		Name	Type	Size
1.	State Level Roll No.	SROLL	Numeric	11
2.	National Level Roll No.	NROLL	Numeric	7
3.	Class	CLAS	Numeric	2
4.	Date of Birth: Date	DATE	Numeric	2
	Month	MONTH	Numeric	2
	Year	YEAR	Numeric	4
5.	Name of the Candidate	CNAME	Character	35
6.	Father's Name	FNAME	Character	35
7.	Mother's Name	MNAME	Character	35
8.	Sex	SEX	Numeric	1
9.	Candidate's Area of Residence	CAREA	Numeric	1
10.	Caste Category of Candidate	CATEGORY	Numeric	1
11.	Disability Status of Candidate	DISABLE	Numeric	1
12.	Postal Address for Correspondence: First Line	CADD1	Character	35
	Second Line	CADD2	Character	35
	Third Line	CADD3	Character	35
	Pin Code	CPIN	Character	6
13.	Name and Address of School: First Line	IADD1	Numeric	35
	Second Line	IAED2	Character	35
	Third Line	IADD3	Character	35
	Pin Code	IPIN	Numeric	6
14.	School District Code	DIST	Numeric	2
15.	Type of Institutions/School	ITYPE	Numeric	1
16.	Area in which School is located	IAREA	Numeric	1
17.	Medium of Examination at NCERT Level	MEDIUM	Numeric	2
18.	Medium in which the language portion will be attempted (English or Hindi)	MEDIUMLANG	Numeric	1
19.	Father's Education	FEDU	Numeric	1
20.	Father's Occupation	FOCCU	Numeric	1
21.	Mother's Education	MEDU	Numeric	1
22.	Mother's Occupation	MOCCU	Numeric	1
23.	No. of Family Members	NFM	Numeric	2
24.	No. of Brothers	NOB	Numeric	2
25.	No. of Sisters	NOS	Numeric	2
26.	At what number is the candidate among siblings	RANKSIB	Numeric	2
27.	Code for Parental Annual Income	INCOME	Numeric	1
28.	Phone STS Code	PSTD	Numeric	5
	Phone Number	PNUM	Numeric	10
Marks in state Level Examination				
29.	MAT (Marks Obtained)	MATOBT	Numeric	2
	MAT(Maximum Marks)	MATMAX	Numeric	2
30.	SAT(Marks Obtained)	SATOBT	Numeric	
	SAT(Maximum Obtained)	SATMAX	Numeric	2
31.	Grand total (Total Marks Obtained)	GTOBT	Numeric	2
	Grand Total(Total Maximum marks)	GTMAX	Numeric	2
32.	Language (Marks Obtained)	LCTOBT	Numeric	2
	Language (Maximum Marks)	LCTMAX	Numeric	2
33.	Rank	RANK	Numeric	2
34.	Mobile No.	MOBN	Numeric	10

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE
(FOR THE STUDENTS STUDYING IN CLASS X)

Make Sure that the Admit card is not detached from the application form. Admit card will be sent to the chief superintendent of the examination centre after allotting the Roll Numbers. Candidate can collect the Admit card from the Centre Superintendent of the examination centre **at least one week** before the examination.

2. Reach the examination centre at least half an hour before the commencement of the examination; and occupy the seat that bears your Roll Number.
3. DO NOT take mobile phones, calculator, Mathematical or Physical table or any other kind of ready reckoner to the examination hall.
4. The examination will be conducted in three sessions on the same day.
5. You have to take the examination as per details given below:
 - Mental Ability Test (MAT)
 - Language Test (LT)
 - Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Sl. No.	Test Type	Marks	No. of Items	Duration (in minutes)
1.	Mental Ability Test (MAT)	50	50	45
2.	Language Test (LT)	50	50	45
3.	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	100	100	90

The applicants are requested to refer/consult State Liaison Officer for the composition of the test.

6. Each question carries 1(one) mark.
7. Write your roll Number, as given in the Admit Card, on the Answer Sheet and on the Cover Page of the Question Booklet in the space provided.
8. All questions in the booklets are objective type. For each question, four possible answers are given, but only one is correct. Your task is to find out the correct answer and mark your choice in the Answer Sheet.
9. Record your answer-using Ball Point Pen only. You have to indicate your answer on the answer sheet as advised by the Stat/UT.
10. During the examination follow the instructions of the Invigilator strictly.
11. Hand over your question booklet and answer sheets to the invigilator before you leave the Examination hall.
12. **Hand over the admission card to the invigilator before leaving the examination hall.**

Full Postal Address of the candidate for despatch of admission letter:

_____ PIN Code _____

**Instructions for the Candidates/ Principal of Schools for filling up the Application Form for State Level
National Talent Search Examination, 2016-2017
and
Indian Students Studying Abroad for NTSE, 2017
(For the Students Studying in Class X)**

General Instruction

1. Use Legal (8.5" x 14") size paper for taking print.

Instructions for Filling Up the Application Form for State Level National Talent Search Examination.

2. This application form is meant for the students appearing at the State Level NTS examination conducted by each State/UT.
3. The Candidate/Principal of the School must confirm the **last date for submission of Application Form and where to submit it, from the State/UT liaison officer, No. application should be sent to NCERT.**
4. The candidate/Principal must deposit the application fee, if any, prescribed by state/union territory with the application form.
5. The candidate/Principal should leave the **4-digit Centre code blank, to be filled by the liaison officer/concerned district officer/Centre Superintendent.**
6. Incomplete /wrongly filled in application forms are liable to be rejected.
7. Applicants are requested to refer/consult the application form, published by the States/UTs, for caste category reservation. **Some options of Caste Category (Like OC, Other 1 and Other 2), given in the form are applicable for the State/UT only.** No reservation will be given against these categories by the NCERT in the national level examination.
8. NCERT is not responsible, if any other item, which is not given in the common application form, has been included by the State/UT.

Instructions for Indian Students Studying Abroad.

9. **The Indian Students studying abroad** should fill the relevant items of the application forms and should forward it to NCERT along with Class IX mark sheet latest by 31st December, **2016** for consideration.
10. Please mention the name of State/UT, where the candidate wants to appear in the national level NTS Examination, in the covering letter.