

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

**National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Scheme**

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	<b>31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015</b>
Date of Examination for UT Chandigarh	<b>8<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 (Sunday)</b>

5. **Eligibility to appear in the examination**
  - Must have scored **55% and above marks in Class VII** examination (in the academic session 2014-15) and has been promoted to class VIII (in the academic session 2015-16). 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 Council of Educational Research and Training, Chandigarh Sector 32, Chandigarh or **can be downloaded** from the website of State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chandigarh Sector-32, Chandigarh i.e. **www.siechd.nic.in**. All correspondence relating to application form and other details should be addressed to the State Liaison Officer – Ms. Manju Kalia (Mob No. 9872005142)
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 Council of Educational Research and Training in the last week of February 2016.