

**State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT)
Sector 32, UT Chandigarh**

State Level National Talent Search Examination

National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) 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 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:** As per State norms including 3 % reservation for physically challenged Group of students.
3. **Selection:** There will be two-stage selection process for award of scholarship. For Stage –I selection is done by **State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Sector 32, UT Chandigarh** through a written examination. Top ten students from amongst the eligible candidates (as per the reservation policy of UT Chandigarh) who qualify Stage-I will be recommended to appear for Stage II examination conducted by NCERT.
4. **Important Dates:** Dates for submission of Application Form and conduct of examination are given below:

Last Date for Submission of Application Form in State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT),Sector 32,UT Chandigarh	31st August, 2015
Date of Examination for UT Chandigarh (Stage 1)	8th November, 2015 (Sunday)

5. **Eligibility to appear in the examination:**
 - Scored grade B2 and above or 61% and above marks in Class IX examination (in the academic session 2014-15) and has been promoted to class X (in the academic session 2015-16).
5% relaxation in marks for reserved category
 - 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 she/he is appearing in class X examination for the first time.
6. **Examination:** The pattern of written examination will be as follows:
 - Mental Ability Test (MAT)
 - Language Test (LT)
 - Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Test Type	Marks	No. of Items	Duration (in minutes)	Remarks
Mental Ability Test (MAT)	50	50	45	
Language Test (LT)	50	50	45	Qualifying in Nature
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	100	100	90	Number of Questions Science: 40 Social Science: 40 Mathematics: 20

7. **Merit List:** The minimum qualifying marks in each paper will be **40% for general category and 35 % for reserved category students.** Language comprehensive test will be qualifying in nature and marks will not be added for deciding final merit of the candidate. Top ten students from amongst the eligible candidates (as per the reservation policy of UT Chandigarh) who qualify Stage-I will be recommended to appear for Stage II examination conducted by NCERT on 8th May, 2016.
8. **State Quota:** Union Territory Chandigarh has been allotted a quota of 10 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 (SCERT), Sector 32, UT Chandigarh or can be downloaded from the website of State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), 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 – **Mrs. Sarita Shreedhar**.

10. **The completed application form** duly signed by the Principal of the school should be submitted to the Director, SCERT before the last date i.e. 31st August 2015.
11. **Announcement of Results:** Result of the State Level NTSE will be announced by SCERT in the last week of January 2016.

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