

General Guidelines of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)

- The objective is to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage.
- One lakh scholarships @ Rs.6000/- per annum (Rs.500/- per month) are awarded to selected students of class IX every year and their continuation/renewal in classes X to XII for study in State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools under the scheme.
- Students of NVS, KVS, Sainik schools and private schools are not entitled for the scholarships.
- There is quota of scholarships for different States/UTs. State-wise details of Quota of Scholarships attached.
- Scholarships are disbursed by the State Bank of India directly by electronic transfer into the accounts of students through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
- Students whose parental income from all sources is not more than Rs. 1,50,000/- per annum are eligible to avail the scholarships.
- There is reservation as per State Government norms.
- The selection of students for award of scholarships under the scheme is made through an examination conducted by the State Governments.
- The students shall have minimum of 55% marks or equivalent grade in Class VII examination for appearing in selection test for award of scholarship (Relaxable by 5% for SC/ST).
- At the time of selection for the award of scholarship the candidate must have scored at least 55% marks or equivalent grade in Class VIII examination. There will be 5 % relaxation for SC/ST.
- 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 SC/ST). The awardees must obtain a minimum of 60% marks in Class X (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST) examination or equivalent examination for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage.

- Each State/UT conducts its own test for selection of students for the award of the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship. The State Level Examination consists of the following two tests.
 - (i) Mental Ability Test (MAT)
 - (ii) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
- The students must pass both the tests i.e. MAT and SAT with at least 40% marks in each. For the reserved category, this cut off will be 32% marks.
- 100% funds are provided by the Central Government for the Scheme.
- **Students of Class IX and X need to apply under Pre-Matric scholarship category whereas students of class XI and XII need to apply under Post-Matric scholarship category.**
- For fresh scholarships of class IX as well as renewals for classes X, XI and XII, the students are required to register as new user and then login to apply for scholarships of classes IX, X, XI and XII. **For renewals of scholarships, students are not required to go to the option of "Apply for renewal".**
- For pre-matric (IX and X), only two application can be submitted through one mobile.
- For post-matric (XI and XII), only one application can be submitted through one mobile.
- The last date for submission of applications on Portal is 30.09.2017.
- The applications are to be verified at School and District level by 15.10.2017.
- The State Nodal officers are requested to submit the data/list of beneficiaries on NSP, received form District Education Officer, after approving it, within a week after verification process is over.