

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT , ODISHA



, BHUBANESWAR

**NMMS**

### **NATIONAL MEANS-CUM-MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (NMMS), 2024-2025**

Applications are invited for **3314** number of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (distributed among 30 districts) from the eligible students studying in **Class VIII in Government / Government Aided / Local Body non- residential Schools** in the State of Odisha. The **Examination** shall be held **on 01<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 (1st Sunday)** as per the given time schedule.

#### **Examination:**

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship, 2024-2025 shall be conducted in **one stage** only.

**Examination Fees:** The candidates **are not required to pay** any examination fee. However, they shall have to bear their own expenses for coming and going to the Examination Centre to appear the examination.

#### **Eligibility:**

- The General & SEBC candidates must have secured at least **55% marks** and **50%** marks by the candidates of **Reserved Category (SC, ST, PH)** in **Class VII Annual Examination** or its equivalent.
- He / she must be studying in Class VIII during the academic session, 2024-2025 in Government / Government Aided / Local Body non- residential Schools of the State.
- His / her **parental annual income from all sources** should not be more than **Rs.3,50,000.00** (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Thousand) only.

Students studying in Government Residential Schools like **Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sainik school, Residential Schools under ST and SC Development Department, KGBV** etc. where all expenses are paid by Government. **are not eligible** for scholarship under this Scheme.

Though for students of OAVS, hostel facilities are there, it is not for all students. Hence the students who are not provided hostel facilities, they can appear NMMS examination. However, in those cases of OAV, the principal will certify that the candidate is not having hostel facilities and studying in residential school.

**State Quota of Scholarship for Odisha:** The total number of **3314 scholarships** shall be distributed among 30 districts. There shall be **district-wise distribution** of scholarships for General, SC, ST, SEBC and Physically Handicapped category candidates. If candidates are not available as per District quota on the basis of social category, State merit list is prepared.

### **Syllabus:**

There is **no syllabus** for NMMS Examination. However, questions shall be asked on the basis of syllabus of Classes VII and VIII.

### **Examination Subjects:**

The NMMS, 2024-2025 shall comprise of **two papers:**

- 1. Mental Ability Test (MAT)** consisting of **90 multiple choice** items with four choices on reasoning and critical thinking to be answered in **90 minutes**. The questions may be on **analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern, perception, hidden figures** etc.
- 2. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** consisting of **90 multiple choice** items with four choices from **Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, History, Geography, Political Science and Economics** to be answered in **90 minutes**.

### **Selection Procedure:**

The qualifying mark for **General** and **SEBC** is **40%** in aggregate of both of the papers, i.e., **MAT and SAT**. For **reserved category (SC, ST, PH)**, this qualifying mark is **32% in aggregate of both papers**. In case of Tie up, MAT mark and age of the candidates will be given preference respectively.

### **How to Apply:**

- The candidate can fill up the Online Application Form by log-in <https://nmms.odisha.gov.in> / [www.scertodisha.nic.in](http://www.scertodisha.nic.in) as per **user manual**. **After filling up** of the Application Form through online, candidate is required to **take the print** of the same and submit it along with the requisite documents (**Caste certificate, Income Certificate etc.**) **to the concerned Headmasters**. Application must be completed in all respects including Declaration by the Parent regarding Income and Caste.
- **The Headmaster will verify the application form with all required enclosures and submit to the district Nodal officer**

**through online.** After submitting the headmaster will send the application form (Hard copy) with all enclosures to the District Nodal officer for verification and allotment of the Examination Centre, scrutinize and verify all the documents and put the auto generated twelve-digit roll number and validate the Online Application Form.

- **The Admit Card shall be prepared at TE and SCERT which can be downloaded by the Candidates / Institution for appearing the Examination.**

**Documents to be submitted by the candidate :**

- **Caste Certificate (Recent)**, as applicable, for **SC / ST / SEBC** candidate issued by the concerned competent Authority.
- **Disability Certificate (UDID Card) for Physically Handicapped** candidates issued by the concerned District Medical Board.
- **Income Certificate of the parents for all candidates (this year)** from the concerned competent Authority.
- Children belongs to **National Food Security Act-2013 (NFSA)** / State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) can produce the supporting document, if Income Certificate is not available.

**Filled-in hard copies of Online Application Forms received, signed by the candidates and countersigned by the concerned Head of School should be reached at the District Education Office by 08.09.2024.**

**Examination Centre:**

**Government Colleges / Government High Schools / Elementary Teacher Training Institutes** located in district/sub-division, headquarters and major town /cities of the state shall be the Examination Centres.

**Continuation of Scholarship:**

Selected candidates shall receive scholarship @ **Rs.1000.00 per month for four years i.e., from Class IX to Class XII** subject to satisfactory academic progress and continuance in institutions of eligible category and registration in NSP.

- The awardees should get promotion from Class VIII to Class IX for being eligible to get the scholarship.
- No scholarship at this stage is payable for studying Diploma / Certificate level Courses.

- 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.
- The awardees must obtain a minimum of 60 percent marks in Class X (relax able by 5% for reserved category) examination or equivalent examination for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage.
- **Selected students have to submit their continuance certificate and mark sheet of last annual examination in the concerned school every year, after opening of NSP for renewal. Awardees must register in NSP for their scholarship, otherwise they shall be exempted from getting their scholarship.**
- **Candidate will apply online for fresh in class-IX and renewal registration for class-X to XII in NSP, then the concerned Institute and District shall verify the details through National Scholarship Portal every year after examining the eligibility for continuance of scholarship.**

**Time Schedule:**

Online filling up of Application Forms by candidates and submission of hard copies in schools by students	<b><i>01.08.2024 to 10.09.2024</i></b>
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs (online and offline).	<b><i>By 17.09.2024</i></b>
Validation of Application Forms by District Education Office	<b><i>By 30.09.2024</i></b>
Download of Admit Cards by the Candidates	<b><i>27.11.2024 to 01.12.2024</i></b>
<b>Date of Examination</b>	<b><i>01.12.2024 (1st Sunday)</i></b>

**Sd/-**

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