

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT : ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR

NATIONAL MEANS-CUM-MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (NMMS)

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 (including Block Grant) / Local Body Schools** in the state of Odisha. The **Examination** will be held **on November 02, 2014 (Sunday)** as per details given below.

Examination :

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship, 2014-2015 will 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 Examination Centre to appear the examination.

Eligibility :

- The candidate must have secured at least **55% marks** (*relaxable by 5% for reserved category*) in **Class VII Annual Examination** or its equivalent.
- He / she must be studying in Class VIII during the academic session, 2014-2015 in Government / Government Aided (including Block Grant) / Local Body Schools of the state.
- His / her **parental annual income from all sources** should not be more than **Rs.1,50,000.00** (*Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand*) only.

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

State Quota of Scholarship for Odisha :

The total number of **3314 scholarships** will be distributed among 30 districts. There will be **district-wise reservation** of scholarships for SC, ST, OBC / SEBC and Physically Handicapped category candidates.

Examination Subjects :

The NMMS, 2014-2015 will 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**.

Syllabus :

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

Selection Procedure :

The qualifying mark is **40%** in each individual paper of **MAT and SAT**. For **reserved category**, this qualifying mark is **32% in each paper**. The Merit List will be prepared taking the total marks in both the papers secured by the candidate.

Scholarship :

Selected candidates will receive scholarship **@ Rs.500.00 per month for four years i.e. from Class IX to Class XI** subject to satisfactory academic progress and continuance in institutions of eligible category.

- The awardees should get clear promotion from Class VIII to Class IX for being eligible for starting 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 with 55% marks (relaxable by 5% for reserved category)
- The awardees must obtain a minimum of 60 percent marks in Class X (relaxable by 5% for reserved category) examination or equivalent examination for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage.

Examination Centre :

Government Colleges and Government High Schools located in district headquarters will be the Examination Centres.

How to Apply : The candidate can fill up the Online Application Form by logging **www.scertorissa.org / www.scertodisha.nic.in**. **After filling up** of the Application Form online, he / she is **required to take the printout of the same and submit it to the concerned Headmasters**. Application must be complete in all respect including Declaration by the Parent regarding Income and Caste. **The Headmaster will forward it to the concerned District Education Officer**. The District Education Officer will allot 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 will be prepared at TE and SCERT which can be downloaded by the Candidate / Institution for appearing the Examination.**

For detailed instruction for filling up of Online Application Form refer to **USER MANUAL** available in the web-site.

Time Schedule :

Online filling up of Application Forms by the candidates	20.07.2014 to 10.08.2014
Submission of hard copy of Online Application Form to the Headmasters / Headmistress by the candidates.	By 15.08.2014
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	By 20.08.2014
Validation of Application Forms after scrutiny by District Education Officers	By 30.08.2014
Download of Admit Cards by the Heads of Institution	10.10.2014 to 18.10.2014
Despatch of Roll Sheets to the Centres by TE and SCERT	By 28.10.2014
Date of Examination	02.11.2014 (Sunday)

Documents to be submitted :

A candidate need not submit any document along with the Application Form. However, the selected candidates will have to submit the following

documents within one month of the publication of result failing which their names will be deleted from the merit list and next candidates will find place in the selected list.

- **Caste Certificate**, as applicable, **for SC / ST / OBC (SEBC)** candidate issued by the concerned Tahasildar / Additional Tahasildar.
- **Disability Certificate for Physically Handicapped** candidates issued by the concerned District Medical Board.
- Parental **Income Certificate** from the concerned Tahasildar / Additional Tahasildar
- Children of BPL / Annapurna / Antordaya / Mo Kudia Yojana family can produce the supporting document. They need not produce Income Certificate.

Filled in hard copies of Online Application Forms received after 15.08.2014 / not countersigned by the concerned Head of School will not be accepted.

**Director,
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