

National Talent Search Examination now for students studying in Class X

National Talent Search Scheme is a flagship activity of the NCERT started in the year 1963. The purpose of the scheme was to identify talented students and nurture their talent. Talent refers to the potentiality that manifests itself in a high level of performance in one or more specialized areas.

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1. Scholarships: On the basis of the examination conducts, 1000 scholarships will be awarded for each group of students appearing for class-X examination. The amount of scholarship will be Rs 500/- per month as per NTS rules

2. Reservation: 15% scholarships will be reserved for students belonging to the SC category, 7.5% scholarships for students belonging to the ST category and 3% for Physically Challenged group of students

3. Selection: There will be two stage selection process for award of scholarship Stage-I, selection will be done by States/UTs through a written examination Students, who qualify Stage-I, will be eligible to appear for Stage-II examination, conducted by NCERT

4. Eligibility: All students of Class X studying in recognized schools are eligible to appear for the Stage-I examination, conducted by the States/UTs, in which the

schools are located There will be no domicile restriction The States/UTs will also conduct the selection test for National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme along with the Stage-I written examination for NTS.

5. NTSE 2012 Important Dates: Dates for submission of application form and conduct of examination are given below:-

Stage-I (State)

Last date for submission of application form: 31st August, 2012 Examination in Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Andaman and Nicobar Islands: 17th November, 2012 Examination in all other states and Union Territories: 18th November, 2012

Stage-II (National)

Examination in all states and Union Territories: 12th May, 2013 (Sunday)

State Quotas: Each State/Union Territory has been allotted a quota to recommend a specific number of candidates for the Stage-II examination, the details of which will be made available on NCERT website However, there will be no State/Union Territory quota for the final award of scholarship after the Stage-II examination

NTSE 2012 Application Form:

You may contact the State/UT Liaison officer for procuring application form However, application form can be downloaded from NCERT website <http://www.ncert.nic.in> also The completed application form should be signed by the Principal of the School The candidate as well as the Principal of the school must adhere to the last date for submission of the application form Different states may have different last dates for submission Please confirm from the Liaison Officer of your state, the address at which the completed forms are to be submitted All queries

related to application form should be directed to the State Liaison Officers (LOs) No application should be sent to NCERT

Fees: States and Union Territories may notify the fee required which will be paid for the Stage-I examination Therefore, before submitting the application form, you may find out the fees charged for Stage-I examination and also the mode of payment from the respective State Liaison Officers (LOs) However, NCERT does not charge any fee for Stage-II examination

Results Announcement: Results of the Stage-I examination will be announced by the respective State Governments/ Union Territories Results of Stage-II examination will be announced by NCERT Indian Students Studying Abroad in class X can appear directly for Stage-II NTS examination under conditions prescribed in the NTS brochure which is available on the NCERT website Candidates may fill up the application form, available on the NCERT website and send to the undersigned along with a photocopy of the mark sheet of previous examination, latest by 31st March, 2013 For the addresses and phone numbers of Liaison Officers of other States and UTs, visit the NCERT Website: www.ncert.nic.in