

The student awardees must complete the One-Time Registration (OTR) and face authentication on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for payment of the scholarship.

The OTR is a unique 14 digit ID number issued to the students based on Addhaar/Addhaar Enrolment ID (EID) and an active mobile number.

OTR registration is mandatory and available throughout the year. The NSP website: <https://scholarships.gov.in/>

Advertisement : The NMMSS advertisement is released every year in July/August, as per the Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi.

Application Form: Application Forms may be downloaded from the SCERT, Nagaland website: <https://scert.nagaland.gov.in/> or collected from the DEO Office or from the State Nodal Officer, NMMSS, SCERT, Nagaland : Kohima.



**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
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The National Means-Cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to award scholarships to the meritorious students from economically weaker sections, with the objective of reducing the dropout rate at Class 8 and encouraging them to continue their education at the secondary stage.

The SCERT, Nagaland conducts the NMMSS Examination for the selection of students on behalf of the Government of Nagaland.

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National Means Cum Merit Scholarship (NMMSS)

Under this Scheme, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, awards 1,00,000 scholarships every year. The NMMSS scholarship is only for regular students studying in Government Schools whose parental annual income does not exceed Rs. 3,50,000/- from all sources. Qualified students are awarded a scholarship amount of Rs. 12,000/- per year from Class 9 to 12. The Scholarship amount will be disbursed in one instalment by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB).

Nagaland has a quota of 180 scholarships under this Scheme, which is further divided into district wise quota.

Procedure for Selection:

The examination consists of two papers:

a) Mental Ability Test (MAT):

Consists of 90 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). Topics include Verbal and non-verbal reasoning, number series, alphabet series, coding and decoding, hidden figures, pattern perception, block assembly, mirror images, paper folding, analytical reasoning etc.

a) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT):

Consists of 90 MCQs covering Science, Social Science, and Mathematics as taught in classes 7 and 8.

Examination Duration:

- 90 minutes for each paper.
- Physically challenged students will be given an extra 30 minutes for each paper.
- Maximum marks for each paper: 90.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Regular Students of Class 8 studying in Government schools who have passed class -7.
- Minimum marks required in Class 7:
 - 50% for ST/SC category
 - 55% for General category

Qualifying Marks:

- Students must pass both MAT and SAT with a minimum of 40% aggregate marks. For ST/SC students, the cut off is 32%.
- At the time of scholarship selection, students must have scored at least: 55% in class 8 (Relaxation by 5% for SC/ST students).

Reservation (as per central list):

- 27% OBC (non creamy layer)
- 15% Schedule Caste (SC)
- 7.5% Schedule Tribe (ST)
- 4% Physically Challenged
- 10% Economically Weaker Section (EWS)

Continuation of Scholarship:

Students must obtain a minimum of 60% marks in the class 10 examination to continue receiving the scholarship in secondary classes (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students).

Upon qualifying the NMMSS Examination, the awardees must open an Aadhaar-Seeded Bank Account in any Nationalised Bank in their own name.

The awardees must register/renew their scholarship online through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP).