

STATE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING (SCERT)
SECTOR 32-C, UT CHANDIGARH

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) Examination 2026-2027 for class 8th Students

Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India has launched a centrally sponsored **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)**. Under this scheme scholarship will be awarded to 1,00,000 students (at National level) selected at the end of class VIII. The scholarship will start from Class IX and would continue till Class XII at the rate of Rs 12000/- per annum. **The objective of the scheme is to award scholarship to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at Class VIII and to encourage them to continue their studies till Class XII.**

The students for the award of this scholarship will be selected through the **State Level Test** conducted by **State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), UT Chandigarh** for the **class VIII students**. For the session **2026-2027** the schedule for the same will be as following:

Area	Dates
Last Date for Submission of Application Form in SCERT , Sector-32, UT Chandigarh	30th September, 2026
Date of Examination for UT Chandigarh	15th November, 2026 (Sunday)

1. **Scholarships:** On the basis of the examination, **85 scholarships** will be awarded to the students of UT Chandigarh who are appearing in **Class VIII examination**.
2. **Reservation:** As per State norms including 4% reservation for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students.
3. **Eligibility to appear in the examination**
 - Students studying in 8th Class in **Government, Local body and Govt. aided** Schools are eligible for this Scheme.
 - The students must have obtained minimum 55% marks or equivalent grade in Class VII examination for appearing in selection test for award of scholarship (relaxation by 5% for SC/ST students). The students should be studying as regular student in a Government, Government-aided and local body schools.
 - Parental income from all sources should **not exceed than Rs. 3,50,000/-** per annum. **Parental Income Certificate issued by State Govt. has to be attached with the application form.**
4. **Examination:** The State Level test will consist of two papers i.e. **Mental Ability Test (MAT)** and **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)**. Each paper will have 90 questions carrying one mark each. SAT paper will include Science, Social Sciences and Mathematics as taught in class VII and VIII.
5. **Merit List:** The students must pass both the papers i.e. MAT and SAT with at least 40% marks in aggregate taken together for these two papers. For the SC/ST students, this cut off will be 32% marks.
6. **Application Form:** Application Forms can be downloaded from the website of SCERT, Sector-32, Chandigarh i.e. <http://scertchd.edu.in>. All correspondence relating to application form and other details should be addressed to the NMMSS Coordinator– **Ms. Manu Sharma** Ph No.: 0172-2676011(O)
7. **The completed application form** duly signed by the Principal of the school should be submitted to the Director, SCERT before the last date i.e. **30th September, 2026**
8. **Announcement of Results:** Result of the **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) Examination 2026-2027** will be announced by SCERT in the Month of March, 2027.

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