

National Talent Search Examination
National Council of Educational Research and Training
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National Talent Search Scheme started in the year 1963. The purpose of the scheme is to identify talented students and nurture them. This year NCERT will conduct the **National Talent Search Examination** for students studying in **Class X**.

1. **Scholarships:** On the basis of the National Talent Search Examination, 1000 scholarships will be awarded. The amount of scholarship will be as under:
 - (a) Scholarship of Rs.1250/- per month for Class-XI to XII.
 - (b) Scholarship of Rs.2000/- per month for Undergraduates and Post-graduates.
 - (c) Amount of Scholarship for Ph.D. be fixed in accordance with the UGC norms.
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. For 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. **Important Dates:** Dates for submission of application form and conduct of examination, are given below:

Stage	Area	Tentative Dates
Stage-I (State)	Last Date for Submission of Application Form	31st August, 2014*
	Examination in Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1 st November, 2014
	Examination in All other States and Union Territories	2 nd November, 2014
Stage-II (National)	Examination in All States and Union Territories	10 th May, 2015 (Sunday)

* However, it may vary from state to state.

5. **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.
6. **Examination:** The pattern of **written examination** will be as follows:
 - **Stage I** examination at the State/UT level will comprise of two parts, namely (a) Mental Ability Test (MAT) and (b) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which also includes Language Comprehensive Test.
 - **The pattern of stage II** examination will be intimated in due course.

7. **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.

8. **Application Form:** You may contact the State/UT Liaison officer for procuring application form.

9. 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.** The State wise contact of the liaison officers are given below and are also available in the NCERT website www.ncert.nic.in. **All queries related to application form should be directed to the State Liaison Officers (LOs). No application should be sent to NCERT.**

10. **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.

11. **Announcement of Results:** 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.

12. **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 February 28, 2015.**



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