

STATE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, SECTOR 32, UT CHANDIGARH

National Talent Search Examination (NTSE)

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. The scheme, therefore, covers areas like Sciences, Social Sciences, Engineering, Medicine, Management and Law. It honours and helps talented students by providing financial assistance in the form of a monthly scholarship. For the courses in Basic Sciences, Social Sciences and Commerce, this assistance is provided up to Ph.D. level. For professional courses like Engineering, Medicine, Management and Law this assistance is given only up to Post Graduation. For the selection **year 2014**, the NCERT will conduct the **National Talent Search Examination**.

- Scholarships:** On the basis of the examination conducted, 1000 scholarships (at National level) will be awarded for students appearing for **Class X Examinations**. Awardees of NTS Examination will receive a sum of Rs.500/- per month as per NTS rules.
- Reservation:** As per State norms including 3% reservation for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students.
- Selection:** There will be two-stage selection process for award of scholarship. For Stage-I, selection will be done by **State Institute of Education, UT Chandigarh** through a written examination. Students who qualify **Stage I** will be eligible to appear for **Stage II** examination conducted by NCERT.
- Important Dates:** Dates for Submission of Application Form and conduct of examination are given below:

Area	Dates
Last Date for Submission of Application Form in State Institute of Education, Sector-32, UT Chandigarh	2nd September, 2013
Date of Examination for UT Chandigarh	10th November, 2013 (Sunday)

- Eligibility to appear in the examination**
 - Must have scored **65% and above marks in Class IX** examination (in the academic session 2012-13) and has been promoted to class X (in the academic session 2013-14). 5% relaxation in marks for reserved category.
 - The National Talent Search (NTS) Awardees of class VIII of previous years are not required to appear again in class X in this examination. However, unsuccessful candidates of Class VIII can now again appear. Moreover, NMMS awardees of Class VIII are allowed to appear in this examination.
- Examination:** The pattern of **written examination** will be as follows: The examination will comprise of two parts, namely **(a) Mental Ability Test (MAT)** comprising 50 questions to be done in 45 minutes and **(b) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** comprising Language Comprehensive Test (English Language) having 40 questions to be done in 45 minutes and Aptitude Test covering 90 questions on Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, History, Geography, Political Science and Economics of classes IX and X level to be done in 90 minutes. Each question will carry one mark.
- Merit List:** The minimum qualifying marks in each paper will be 40% for general category and 32% for reserved category students to be eligible for award of scholarship.
- State Quota:** Union Territory Chandigarh has been allotted a quota of 10 seats for scholarship. The division of seats will be done according to reservation policy of UT Chandigarh.
- Application Form:** Application Forms can be collected from the office of Director, State Institute of Education, Sector 32, Chandigarh from **1st August to 30th August, 2013** or **can be downloaded** from the website of State Institute of Education, Sector 32, Chandigarh i.e. <http://siechd.nic.in>. All correspondence relating to application form and other details should be addressed to the State Liaison Officer - **Mrs. Sarita Shreedhar**.
- The completed application form** duly signed by Principal of the school should be submitted to the State Liaison Officer before the last date.
- Announcement of Results:** Result of the State Level NTSE will be announced by State Institute of Education in the last week of February 2014.