

National Talent Search Examination
National Council of Educational Research and Training
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi – 110016

The National Talent Search Examination for students studying in Class X is meant to identify the nurture talent. The examination is conducted every year at two levels: Stage-I (State Level) and Stage-II (National Level).

Scholarships: About one thousand scholarships are awarded for different stages of education as follows:

- (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. is fixed in accordance with the UGC norms.

Reservation: 15% for students belonging to the SC category, 7.5% for students belonging to the ST category and 4% for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students, with benchmark disabilities of which, one per cent each shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and one per cent for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (d) and (e) namely:

- (a) blindness and low vision;
- (b) deaf and hard of hearing;
- (c) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy;
- (d) autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness;
- (e) multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities'

Selection: Stage-I, selection will be done by States/UTs and those who qualify **Stage-I**, will be eligible to appear for **Stage-II** examination, conducted by NCERT.

Qualifying Marks: Qualifying marks for candidates from General category is 40% in each paper and for candidates from SC, ST and PH is 32% in each paper.

Language Test: Qualifying in nature and marks obtained for Language Test will not be counted for final merit.

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	To be notified by the respective State and it may vary from state to state
	Examination in Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Andaman and Nicobar Islands	04th November, 2017 (Saturday)
	Examination in All other States and Union Territories	05th November, 2017 (Sunday)
Stage-II (National)	Examination in All States and Union Territories	13th May, 2018 (Sunday)

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.

Students registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for scholarship, provided the student is below the age of 18 years (as on 1st July of the particular year), the student is not employed and s/he is appearing in class X examination for the first time.

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