

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)

The National Merit Scholarship you're referring to is most likely the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS), a centrally sponsored initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Feature Details

EXAM/SELECTION BASIS MERIT CRITERION	Have secured at least 55% marks in Class 7 (relaxed to 50% for SC/ST). Students must appear for a state-level scholarship exam in Class 8. The exam includes: Mental Ability Test (MAT) – 90 questions Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) – 90 questions (based on Class 7 & 8 syllabus)
ELIGIBLE EDUCATION / LEVELS	Be studying in Class 8 in a government, government-aided, or local body school.
PARENTAL / FAMILY INCOME	Have a parental income less than ₹3.5 lakh per annum.
NO CONCURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS	Not be enrolled in private schools, residential schools, or central schools like KVS/NVS. The student must not be receiving any other scholarship, fee waiver, or reimbursement from other sources
BENEFIT / AMOUNT	₹12,000 per annum (₹1,000 per month) Disbursed via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into the student's bank account Awarded from Class 9 to Class 12 (up to 4 years)
RENEWAL CRITERIA	Must secure at least 60% marks in Class 10 (relaxed to 55% for SC/ST). Must be promoted to the next class on the first attempt each year.