

National Talent Search Examination

Frequently Asked Questions

1.	GENERAL	
i.	What is this scheme about?	This scheme is aimed at identification of talented students and awarding them scholarship to pursue their further studies and nurture them.
ii.	How old is this scheme?	The scheme is almost as old as NCERT; In 1963 the scheme was introduced as National Science Talent Search Scheme.
iii.	How long successful candidates will be getting scholarship?	The awardees studying in Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages Commerce, vocational studies and fine arts are eligible to receive scholarship up to Ph.D. level whereas the awardees studying professional courses in medicines, engineering, technology, management and law, are eligible to receive the scholarship up to second degree level.
iv.	How talented students are identified?	Talented students are identified through two- tier examination process.
v.	What is this two -tier examination scheme?	This is a scheme in which exam is conducted in two stages.
vi.	Who conduct first level examination?	NTS Stage-one is conducted by states and union territories. The purpose of this exam is to screen the number of candidates for Second level exam to be conducted by NCERT.
vii.	Who conducts this second level examination?	National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducts this examination.
viii.	What is the criterion for selection to stage-II examination?	There is quota earmarked for all the states/ UTs. The state quota is computed on the basis of the student's enrolment at secondary level with a minimum of 10 for union territory and 25 for a state.
ix.	When can one appear for NTS Stage-I Examination?	Currently NTS Scheme is open to the students who are presently studying in Class X.
x.	Does this scheme available for other classes also?	No.
xi.	How many scholarships are awarded every year?	Every year about 1000 scholarships are awarded.
xii.	Is there any reservation for scholarships?	Yes, there is a provision of reservation for SC and ST candidates based on national norms of 15 percent and 7.5 percent

		respectively only those candidates who obtain minimum qualifying marks under these categories are eligible for scholarship.
Xiii	Does the scheme have provision of reservation for physically challenged students?	Yes, there is a provision of 3 percent reservation for physically challenged students.
2	SELECTION PROCEDURE	
i.	Can my son/daughter who is studying in India write the NTSE stage 2 Exam directly?	No, In order to appear for stage II exam the candidate name must be recommended by the State/UT to which he/she belongs.
ii	Who can appear in this exam?	All students studying in Class X in any type of recognized school including, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Sainik Schools, Military Schools will be eligible to appear at the State Level Examination from the State in which the school is located.
iii	Are there any eligibility conditions for appearing in the screening examination like qualifying percentage of marks in the previous year annual examination etc.?	Eligibility criteria for stage I varies from state to state. The State/UT may impose any eligibility condition for appearing in stage I examination.
3	STATE LEVEL EXAMINATION (STAGE 1 EXAM)	
i.	When will the notification be given?	For stage I examination, advertisement is released in the month of July- August.
ii.	Where can I get the application for Stage 1?	You need to contact Liaison Officer of your State/UT. Addresses of Liaison Officers are placed on the NCERT i.e. (www.ncert.nic.in)
iii	Do all the states/UTs conduct stage I exam every year?	Yes, each state/UT conducts its own stage I examination.
iv	When is stage I examination held?	The state level screening examination is normally conducted in all the states/UTs on second Sunday of November except in Nagaland, Andaman and Nicobar Is. Meghalaya and Mizoram, where it is conducted on second Saturday of November every year until and unless some special circumstances occur.
v.	When to appear for Stage 1 NTSE?	One can appear for Stage I examination in the month of November for which you need to apply in the month of July-September (as per advertisement of each State/UT.)
vi	Should we apply through school or directly?	You need to submit your application after getting it duly signed by the

