



# THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

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## S C H O L A R S H I P N O T I F I C A T I O N

### **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) – inviting applications from Class-VIII (8<sup>th</sup>) students**

The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) invites applications in the prescribed (offline) format from eligible candidates for the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) Examination 2024-25. Interested candidates are advised to carefully read the eligibility conditions below before applying.

1. Candidates must be currently enrolled in Class 8th for the academic session 2024-25 (in March-April 2024) in schools of Jammu/Kashmir Division.
2. A minimum of 55% marks in Class 7th is required, with a 5% relaxation for SC/ST candidates.
3. The student must be studying in a Government, Government-aided, or Local Body School only.
4. The annual family income of the applicant should not exceed Rs. 3.5 lakh.
5. Reservations will be provided to various categories as per the reservation policy of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
6. Candidate must be a permanent domicile of UT of J&K

#### **For availing the scholarship**

1. A student must pass both the tests i.e. Mental Aptitude Test (MAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) with at least
2. 40% marks in aggregate (taken together for those two tests). For the SC/ST students, this cut off will be 32% marks.

The duration of the Scholarship is four years and the student will have to score at least 55% marks in Class VIII, 60% marks in class X (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST candidates) and clear promotion in the first attempt from class IX to class X and class XI to class XII.

#### **Number of scholarships**

1068 scholarships will be awarded to the students selected in order of merit and the amount of scholarship is Rs.12000.00 (Rupees twelve thousand only) per annum per student i.e. a total amount of Rs.48000.00 (Rupees forty-eight thousand) for each selected students from Class IX to XII.

#### **Examination**

NMMSS Examination will comprise of two papers.

Paper	Test	No. of Questions	Max Marks	Duration
Paper-I	Mental Ability Test (MAT)	90	90	90 min
Paper-II	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	90	90	90 min

**Children with special needs will be given extra time as applicable under rules.**

The application form in prescribed proforma and other detailed information about the scholarship scheme can be downloaded from JKBOSE website [www.jkbose.nic.in](http://www.jkbose.nic.in). The application forms duly attested by the Head of the Institution along with the requisite documents (i.e. class VII marks certificate, income certificate and category certificate, if applicable) and a pay-in-slip of Rs.60.00 (Rupees sixty only), favoring Liaison Officer, NMMS to be deposited in JK Bank Account NO.0547010100000002, Branch JKBOSE, Bemina, Srinagar (IFSC Code JAKA0EXAMBR) must reach the office of the concerned Chief Education Officer (Designated District Nodal Officer, NMMS Scheme) by or before **20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

The Concerned Chief Education Officers (DNOs) shall prepare the database of the candidates in the prescribed excel format (available on JKBOSE website) and submit the Application Forms along with requisite documents and database of their respective districts to CDR Wing, Bemina, Srinagar / Rehari Colony, Jammu within seven days of the closing date of this notification..

Director Academics

(Liaison Officer, NMMSS J&K)

Copy to

1. Head, Educational Survey Division, NCERT, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi, for information.
2. OSD to Minister for School Education, UT of J&K
3. Director School Education, Jammu/Kashmir for information with the request to bring massive awareness among the eligible students of Government Schools for large scale participation in the NMMSS examination 2024-25.
4. Project Director, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, J&K for information
5. Deputy Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Shashrati Bavan, New Delhi 110001.

6. Joint Secretary Examination/ Secrecy, JKBOSE-KD/JD for information.
7. Principal DIET (All) Jammu/Kashmir for information
8. Chief Education Officers (DNOs) of all districts of Jammu & Kashmir for information and necessary action.
9. Deputy Secretary, Administration, JKBOSE-KD/JD, with the request to circulate the information with all the Branch & Sub-Offices of JKBOSE.
10. Incharge Officer, Nucleus Cell, Civil Secretariat, Jammu for information.
11. Information Officer, JKBOSE- JD/KD for information and necessary action to disseminate the same in the leading local dailies.
12. Assistant Secretary, ITSS, JKBOSE-JD/KD for ensuring uploading of the above notification along with application format on JKBOSE official website and social media.
13. P.S. of Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar, for kind information.
14. P.S. of Chairperson/Secretary, JKBOSE for information of the Chairperson/Secretary.
15. PA to Director JKSCERT for information of the Director, JKSCERT.
16. Concerned file.

**Central Sector Scheme–“National Means-Cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme”**  
**Revised Guidelines**

**1.0 The Scheme:**

1.1 Under this scheme, it is proposed to award 100,000 scholarships to the gifted or meritorious students whose parental income is not more than ₹ 3,50,000/- per annum from all sources at the time of selection of awardees for scholarship. Each State /UT has fixed quota of scholarship for concerned age group of class VII and VIII. The scheme will provide reservation to different categories of students as per the State/UT norms; as different States/UTs have their own norms of reservation.

1.2 This scholarship will be provided on yearly basis to the students studying as regular students and entering in class IX in a Government, Government-aided, local body schools. Thus the scholarship will be for a maximum period of four years. The students studying in “Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas” are not entitled to get scholarship under this scheme. Similarly, those students studying in Residential Schools run by the Centre/ State Government Institutions, where facilities like boarding, lodging and education are provided and students studying in private schools are also not eligible for the scholarship under the scheme.

1.3 The amount of scholarship is ₹ 12000/- per annum @ ₹1000 per month.

1.4 A separate examination shall be conducted by the State Governments/UT Administrations for selection of students for the award of the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarships in the States/UTs.

1.5 The reimbursement cost for conducting the NMMSS (SAT and MAT) exam will be ₹100/-per student for the number of students appearing in the examination.

**2.0 Procedure for Selection of Awardee Students:**

2.1 Each State/UT will conduct its own test at stage of class VIII for selection of students for the award of the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship. The State Level Examination may consist of the following two tests:

- i. Mental Ability Test (MAT)
- ii. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

2.2 The students shall have minimum of 55 % marks or equivalent grade in Class VII examination for appearing in selection test conducted during class VIII for award of scholarship (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students). The student should be studying as regular student in a Government, Government-aided and local body schools.

2.3 **Mental Ability Test** shall consist of 90 multiple-choice questions testing verbal and non-verbal meta-cognitive abilities like reasoning and critical thinking. The

questions in the test may be on analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception, hidden figure etc.

2.4 **Scholastic Aptitude Test** shall consist of 90 multiple-choice questions covering subjects namely, science, social studies and mathematics as taught in classes VII and VIII.

#### 2.5 **Duration of the Test**

Each test will be of 90 minutes duration. Children with disability will be given extra time, as applicable.

#### 3.0 **Declaration of Results**

3.1 For selecting the students, the following conditions shall apply:

The students must pass both the tests i.e. MAT and SAT with at least 40 % marks in aggregate taken together for these two tests. For the SC/ST students, this cut off will be 32% marks.

3.2 At the time of selection for the award of scholarship the student must have scored at least 55% mark or equivalent grade in Class VIII examination. There will be 5 % relaxation for SC/ST students.

3.3 The awardees should satisfy the eligibility and the conditions mentioned in the scheme.

#### 4.0 **Disbursement of Scholarships**

4.1 A student can avail only one Scholarship under any Central Government Scholarship scheme.

4.2 The awardees will be required to open bank accounts preferably in SBI, or any public sector bank or any scheduled bank which has core banking facility.

4.3 The eligible students will apply on National Scholarship Portal (NSP), which will be verified by the State Governments and UT Administrations and finally sent to Ministry for sanction of funds. The final list of students' verified at all concerned levels on National Scholarship Portal, will be considered for sanction of funds. The scholarships for those students will be discontinued if they would have not been able to renew their application on NSP within stipulated time period. The sanction of funds will be done from Annual Budget Provision for releasing them to SBI, the implementing bank for scheme for disbursal of scholarships, to students directly into their bank accounts by electronic transfer through Direct benefit Transfer (DBT).

4.4 The awardees should get minimum of 60% marks in Class X for continuation of scholarship (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST candidates) in next higher classes. For continuing the scholarship in class X and XII, the awardees should get clear promotion from class IX to class X and from class XI to class XII in the first attempt.

**5. General Eligibility Conditions**

5.1 An awardee is eligible for the scholarship provided he/she:

- (i) takes up studies in approved courses.
- (ii) maintains good conduct as certified by the Head of the College/Institution and continues his/her studies as a regular student in a Government/Government aided/ Local Body school.
- (iii) does not absent himself/herself without proper leave.
- (iv) takes up studies on a whole time basis.

5.2 No scholarship shall be available for studies abroad for any course.

5.3 No claim for scholarship arrears will be entertained after the expiry of 12 months of the academic session for which one has applied for the claim.

5.4 In case any awardee leaves his/her course of study within one month of registration/admission, no scholarship shall be paid to him/her.

5.5 In case student is not able to appear at the annual examination due to serious illness, he/she should send the medical certificate through the Head of the Institution within three months of his/her falling ill. The duration of illness should be clearly certified by a specialist, who is a Registered Medical Practitioner. The facility will be available to the student to continue the same course in which one is studying provided the principal or the head of the institution certifies that the overall performance of the student during the year has been very good.

5.6 The student must join the next class/desired course within 3 months of the declaration of the result of the previous class/course.

5.7 Scholarship shall be deemed to be discontinued if any gap of one academic session arises in studies at any time due to any reason.

5.8 Scholarship once discontinued on the basis of the rules of disbursement of scholarship cannot be revived under any circumstances.

5.9 All rules are subject to change from time to time, as and when required, which will be binding on all awardees.

**6.0 Eligibility and other conditions for starting and continuation of Scholarship at Secondary and Higher Secondary Stage**

- 6.1 The awardees should get clear promotion from class VIII to Class IX for being eligible for starting the scholarship, as indicated above.
- 6.2 The scholarship at the Secondary and Higher Secondary stage or equivalent classes IX to XII is payable for a maximum period of four years for studies in India only.
- 6.3 No scholarship at this stage is payable for studying diploma/certificate level courses.
- 6.4 For continuing the scholarship in class X and XII, the awardees should get clear promotion from class IX to class X and from class XI to class XII in the first attempt.
- 6.5 The awardees must obtain a minimum of 60 per cent marks in Class X examination (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students) or equivalent examination for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage.
- 6.6 In case an institution/school does not conduct an examination at the end of Class IX and / or Class XI, the scholarship for the second year will be continued on the submission of a certificate to this effect from the Head of the Institution/School.
- 7.0 The scheme will be in operation for 5 years beyond March 2021 and the selection test for the award of scholarship will be conducted for Class VIII students in November every year as a separate test by the State Governments/UT Administrations.
- 8.0 A Technical Support Group (TSG) consisting of Consultants / support staff etc. will be continued for assisting in effective implementation and monitoring of the scheme.
- 9.0 The scheme will be monitored in the Department at regular intervals with the concerned stakeholders.
- 10.0 System of Super Checks/Physical verification to be strengthened by ensuring certain minimum percentage of application being physically verified on random basis generated by data analytics.
- 11.0 The Ministry/Department shall monitor the implementation of the scheme regularly. Adequate vigilance should be exercised to analyze the trends for timely identification and prevention of irregularities.
- 12.0 State Governments may be asked to undertake random physical verification/inspection to ensure effective implementation of the scheme, as per guidelines.

13.0 Ministry/Department and States/UTs to undertake super checks/third party audit of scholarships.

14.0 State Government should ensure that Institute/School Nodal officer (INO) is a permanent/regular staff of the Institute/School and that the Principal is made responsible for the effective supervision of INO activities.

15.0 Ministry/Department should ensure that adequate training is provided to SNO, SNO to be responsible for facilitating students in submitting application on NSP through mobile.

16.0 If any student's application is marked fake by District Nodal officer (DNO)/ State Nodal officer (SNO), application against the said Institute/School may be put on hold until re-verification is complete.

17.0. In case of fraud, regular follow-up, investigation and initiation of penal action to be ensured.

18.0 To carry out evaluation study on yearly basis to find out the gaps and challenges in the performance of the scheme due to which some of the objectives of the scheme remain unfulfilled. The recommendations of the study to be implemented and constraints at the ground level to be resolved timely to improve the performance of the scheme. It will also help in monitoring of the low-performance States.

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## NMMSS (2024-25)

NATIONAL MEANS CUM MERIT EXAMINATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDYING IN CLASS 8<sup>TH</sup> DURING SESSION 2024-25 IN U.T OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

## Application Form

Read the instruction carefully given on page 2 before filling the application form. You may take the help from your teacher/parent for filling the application form.

- Date of examination: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- Name of the U.T: U.T of J&K (where the candidate is studying in class VIII)
- Examination fee amounting to Rs 60/- through Pay-in Slip (from J&K Bank) be deposited in JK Bank A/C No. 0547010100000002, Branch JKBOSE Bemina, Srinagar, IFSC Code JAKA0EXAMBR in favour of Liaison Officer NTSE/NMMSS.

### Roll Number (12 digit)

Class VIII Code	State Code	Year	Centre Code	Serial No. (Office to fill)	Class	D.O.B.		
						Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

1. Name of the candidate (Do not write Miss/Mr)

2. Father's Name (Do not write Mr./Dr./Prof.)

3. Mother's Name (Do not write Ms./Dr./Prof.)

4. Gender

5. Area in which candidate resides

6. Category of Candidate

7. Disability status of candidate (if any)

Male/Female

Rural/Urban

General/SC/ST/OSC/ALC-IB/RBA/PSP/EWS

Orthopedic/Hearing Impaired/Blind/Low vision

(please enclose a copy of the relevant reservation certificate in support of information at S.No.6 and S.No.7)

8. Postal address for correspondence (Do not write Parentage or your name here)

Pin Code

9. Name and address of the Government institution in which studying at Class VIII level

Pin Code

10. Type of the institution in which studying Class VIII level (Govt./Govt. Aided/Local Body): \_\_\_\_\_

11. Area in which the school is located (Rural/Urban): \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Aadhaar Number : \_\_\_\_\_

13. Medium of examination: \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Father's education: \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Father's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Parental Annual Income : \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_ 18. e-mail id: \_\_\_\_\_



**To be filled in by the Head of the Institution**

Certified that:

- 1) Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ is a regular student of this School/ Institution and he/she has secured \_\_\_\_\_ % marks in the class VII Annual examination i.e when she/he was promoted from Class VII to Class VIII, she/he has secured \_\_\_\_\_ marks out of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The particulars given be him/her in the Application Form have been verified and found in order.
- 3) Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ category as per the records maintained in the Institution.

Date

Signature of the Head of the Institution  
With Official Seal

Signature of the Candidate

**Coding Plan****Read Instruction carefully before filling up the Application Form**

1. Use only Blue or Black Ball Point Pen. Write in Capital Letters. Do not mark outside the boxes.
2. Leave one box blank between two words. **Limit your name and/or address within the space provided for it. Please see example as given below.**
3. Please write code number in item nos. 12, 13 and 14,15 and 16 as given below.
4. It is the responsibility of the candidate and The Principal of the School of deposit the filled in form with the state concerned Officer before the last date. No request for condoning delay in submission will be entertained whether it is due to the fault of the candidate or the Headmaster/Principal of his/her institution.
5. Incomplete or defective applications are liable to be rejected.

Medium of Examination (Refer to item 13)		Education of Father (Refer to item Nos. 14)	
Medium of Examination Code		Education	Code
English	13	Upto Primary	1
Hindi	14	Upper Primary	2
Urdu	25	Secondary	3
		Senior Secondary	4
		Graduation	5
		Post graduation	6
		Doctoral	7
		Professional degree (Engineering, Medicine, MCA, MBA etc)	8
		Any other	9

Father's Occupation (Refer to item Nos. 15)		
Occupation		Code
Professional, Technical and Related Worker		1
Administrative, Executive and Managerial Worker		2
Clerical and Related Worker		3
Sales/Service Worker		4
Farmer, Fisherman and Related Worker		5
Production and Related Worker, Transport		6
Operations and Labourer Worker not classified by the above occupations		7
Not employed		8
Region	U.T	Code
North	J & K	26
U.T of J&K	District	Code
	Srinagar	001
	Jammu	002
	Anantnag	003
	Bandipora	004
	Baramulla	005
	Budgam	006
	Doda	007
	Kupwara	008
	Kathua	009
	Rajouri	010
	Poonch	011
	Ramban	012
	Ganderbal	013
	Udhampur	014
	Kulgam	015
	Pulwama	016
Shopian	017	
Reasi	018	
Kishtwar	019	
Samba	020	

**THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION**  
NATIONAL MEANS CUM MERIT EXAMINATION (2024-25)

Name of the U.T: **JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

**ADMISSION CARD**

To be filled by the applicant

Mr/Miss \_\_\_\_\_

S/o/D/o Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

(Examination center) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport size  
Photograph Attested  
by the Head of the  
school to be affixed

(School Seal)

is permitted to appear for the above said examination

Full Postal Address of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Pin code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

He/she is allotted 12 digits Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Class VIII Code

U.T Code

Year

Centre Code

Serial No. (to be filled by the Office)

Date of Examination: \_\_\_\_\_

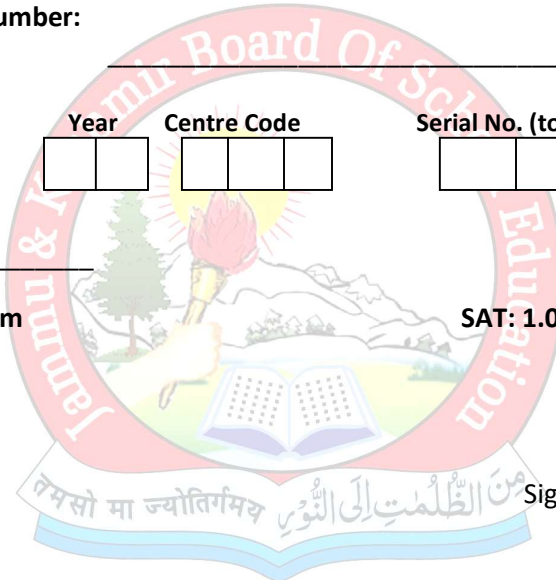
Time: MAT : 11.00 a.m to 12.30 p.m

SAT: 1.00 p.m to 2.30 p.m.

Venue of Examination center

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Scrutinized by  
(Office Staff)



Signature of the Head of the School  
With Office Seal

Signature of Liaison Officer/District  
Level Officer (Authorized for State Level)  
NMMSS Examination 2024-25

Signature of the Invigilator  
At the Examination Centre

Signature of the  
Candidate in the  
Presence of Invigilator

MAT:

SAT:

Note: Admission Card should be dispatched by Invigilating Staff to concerned JKBOSE Office after the conduct of NMMS Examination.