

## **National Merit cum Means (MCM) Scholarship Scheme**

The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is a centrally sponsored scheme which was launched in May, 2008 with an objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to reduce drop out rate at class VIII and encourage secondary education.

Scholarship of Rs.6000/- per annum (Rs.500/- per month) per student is awarded to selected students every year for study in classes from IX to XII in Government, Government aided and local body schools. There is a quota of scholarships for different states/UTs.

Students whose parents' income from all sources is not more than Rs. 1,50,000/- are eligible to avail the scholarships. There is reservation as per State Government norms. Students are selected through an examination conducted by the State Governments/UT administration along with the National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) first Stage-I examination.

From academic year 2013-14 onwards, separate examination for selection of students for NMMS Scholarships is being conducted by the State Governments.

For more details

<http://mhrd.gov.in/nmms>