

Last date to submit applications (fresh & renewal) under National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme for Year 2023-24 extended up to 31st January, 2024 on National Scholarship Portal

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The last date for submission of applications for NMMSS for the year 2023-24 has been extended to **31st January, 2024**. Under the 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme' implemented by the Department of School Education & Literacy, scholarships are awarded to meritorious students from economically weaker sections to arrest their drop-out after elementary level i.e. class VIII and encourage them to complete their school education upto higher secondary level i.e. Class XII.

The scheme provides for one lakh fresh scholarships every year for Class IX students who clear the qualifying exam for the scholarship conducted by the State/UT governments. Scholarship is continued through renewal mode from Classes X to XII based on student's academic performance. The scheme is applicable only to students studying in State Government, Government-aided and local body schools and the scholarship amount is Rs. 12000/- per annum per student.

The National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP)- the one stop platform for scholarship schemes disbursed to students by Government of India. NMMSS scholarships are disbursed directly into the bank accounts of selected students by electronic transfer through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) following DBT mode. The eligibility parameters for availing the scholarship include parental income not more than Rs. 3.50 lakh per annum, minimum of 55% marks or equivalent grade in Class VII examination for appearing in the selection test for award of scholarship (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students).

On the NSP portal, there are two levels of verification of the scholarship application of selected students, Level-1(L1) verification is at Institute Nodal Officer (INO) and Level-2(L2) is with the District Nodal Officer (DNO). The last date of INO level (L1) verification is **15th February, 2024** and for DNO level (L2) verification is **26th February, 2024**.

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