

1. About NMMS Scholarship

The **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)** is a Government of India scholarship initiative under the Ministry of Education.

It aims to support academically talented students from economically weaker families, reduce school dropouts after Class 8 and encourage students to continue secondary and higher secondary education.

Examination Highlights

- **Exam Name:** NMMS Scholarship Examination
- **Scheme:** National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme
- **Eligible Class:** Class 8
- **Conducting Authority in Maharashtra:** Maharashtra State Council of Examination (MSCE), Pune
- **Exam Sections:** Mental Ability Test (MAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
- **Scholarship Amount:** ₹12,000 per year under the published scheme
- **Scholarship Duration:** Classes 9 to 12, subject to renewal conditions
- **Maximum Potential Benefit:** ₹48,000 over four years

Scholarship benefits and conditions for 2026–27 are subject to the latest government notification.

2. Tentative NMMS Exam Schedule 2026–27

| Event | Tentative Schedule |

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| Online Registration Begins | September–November 2026 |

| Last Date for Registration | To Be Announced |

| Admit Card Release | Before Examination |

| NMMS Examination | November 2026–January 2027 |

| Answer Key Publication | After Examination |

| Result Declaration | To Be Announced |

| Scholarship Application / Verification | As per Official Schedule |

****Important:**** These are estimated planning periods, not officially confirmed dates. Maharashtra MSCE will announce the actual examination schedule.

3. NMMS Eligibility Criteria

Students must generally fulfill the following conditions:

****Educational Eligibility****

- Students must be studying in ****Class 8****.
- Students must be enrolled in an eligible Government, Government-aided or local-body school.
- Students generally need at least ****55% marks or equivalent grade in Class 7****, with 5% relaxation for SC/ST candidates.

****Family Income****

- The annual parental income from all sources should not exceed ****₹3,50,000****, under the published scheme criteria.

****School Restrictions****

- Students studying in private schools are generally not eligible.
- Students of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are not eligible.
- Students of certain government residential schools offering free boarding, lodging and education are also excluded.

****Required Documents (Indicative)****

- Aadhaar and student identity details
- Class 7 marksheet
- Income certificate
- Caste certificate, if applicable

- School details and certificate
- Other documents required by the examining authority

All eligibility and document conditions must be reconfirmed from the Maharashtra NMMS 2026–27 notification.

4. NMMS Examination Pattern

The NMMS selection examination traditionally consists of two papers.

Particulars	MAT	SAT
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Full Form	Mental Ability Test	Scholastic Aptitude Test
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Questions	90 MCQs	90 MCQs
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Marks	90	90
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Duration	90 Minutes	90 Minutes
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Focus	Reasoning & Mental Ability	Maths, Science & Social Science
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****Total:**** 180 Questions | 180 Marks | 180 Minutes

****Qualifying Criteria****

Under the published scheme, the minimum combined qualifying marks in MAT and SAT are generally:

- General / Other Categories: 40%
- SC/ST Categories: 32%

****Note:**** Achieving qualifying marks does not guarantee scholarship selection. Final selection depends on merit, state quota, category-wise reservation and official rules. The 2026–27 examination pattern, marking scheme and qualifying requirements must be verified.

5. Detailed NMMS Syllabus

The NMMS examination generally assesses topics from Classes 7 and 8.

A. Mental Ability Test (MAT)

****Verbal Reasoning****

- Number and Alphabet Series
- Analogy and Classification
- Coding–Decoding
- Blood Relations
- Direction Sense
- Ranking and Ordering
- Mathematical Operations
- Logical Reasoning

****Non-Verbal Reasoning****

- Figure Series
- Mirror and Water Images
- Embedded Figures
- Pattern Completion
- Paper Folding and Cutting
- Spatial Visualization
- Figure Classification

****Analytical Ability****

- Logical Puzzles
- Number Patterns
- Problem-Solving
- Analytical Thinking
- Data Interpretation

B. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

****Mathematics****

- Integers and Rational Numbers
- Fractions and Decimals
- Exponents and Powers
- Algebraic Expressions
- Simple Linear Equations
- Ratio and Proportion
- Percentages and Profit–Loss
- Simple Interest
- Lines, Angles and Triangles
- Quadrilaterals and Geometry
- Perimeter, Area and Volume
- Data Handling

****Science****

Physics

- Motion and Measurement
- Force, Pressure and Friction
- Heat and Temperature
- Light and Sound
- Electricity and Magnetism

Chemistry

- Acids, Bases and Salts
- Physical and Chemical Changes
- Materials and Their Properties
- Metals and Non-Metals

- Combustion and Fuels

Biology

- Nutrition in Plants and Animals
- Respiration and Transportation
- Reproduction in Plants and Animals
- Microorganisms
- Cell Structure
- Crop Production
- Health and Hygiene
- Environment and Conservation

****Social Science****

History

- Medieval and Modern Indian History
- British Rule in India
- Social Reform Movements
- Indian Freedom Struggle

Geography

- Natural Resources
- Agriculture and Industries
- Human Environment
- Climate and Vegetation
- Maps and Geographical Concepts

Civics

- Indian Constitution
- Democracy and Government
- Parliament and Judiciary

- Rights and Responsibilities
- Social Justice

****Syllabus Note:**** This is a detailed preparation outline, not an officially verified 2026–27 chapter list. Students should follow Maharashtra State Board Classes 7 and 8 textbooks and the latest prescribed syllabus.

6. Recommended NMMS Preparation Books

****Essential Study Material****

1. Maharashtra State Board (Balbharati) Mathematics – Classes 7 and 8
2. Balbharati General Science – Classes 7 and 8
3. Balbharati History, Civics and Geography – Classes 7 and 8
4. NCERT Mathematics and Science – Additional Practice
5. NMMS Mental Ability (MAT) Preparation Guide
6. NMMS Scholastic Aptitude (SAT) Practice Book
7. Maharashtra NMMS Previous-Year Question Papers
8. NMMS Model Papers and Solved Question Banks

****Preparation Tip:**** Complete Balbharati textbook concepts before attempting advanced scholarship examination questions.

7. NMMS Test Series & Mock Tests

****Recommended UCA Preparation Plan****

- Weekly MAT Reasoning Tests
- Chapter-wise Mathematics MCQ Tests
- Science and Social Science Practice
- Full-Syllabus SAT Tests
- 90-Minute MAT Mock Tests

- 90-Minute SAT Mock Tests
- Previous-Year Question Paper Practice
- OMR Practice where applicable
- Performance Analysis and Doubt-Solving

Specific UCA test-series batches, availability, schedules and charges will be communicated separately.

8. NMMS Examination Fees 2026–27

****Maharashtra NMMS Registration Fee: To Be Confirmed****

The examination registration fee, if applicable, is determined by the state examining authority.

Students should check the official notification for registration charges, category-wise concessions, payment procedures, deadlines and any late fees.

****Scholarship Amount:**** ₹12,000 per year under the published scheme, subject to eligibility and renewal conditions.

****Note:**** NMMS examination registration charges and any separate UCA coaching fees are independent.

9. NMMS Previous-Year Question Papers

Students should practice:

- Maharashtra NMMS MAT Previous-Year Papers
- Maharashtra NMMS SAT Previous-Year Papers
- NMMS Model Question Papers
- Chapter-wise Mathematics MCQs
- Science and Social Science Practice Papers

- Answer Keys and Detailed Solutions

****Benefits****

- Understand examination difficulty.
- Identify important topics.
- Improve reasoning ability.
- Develop speed and accuracy.
- Build confidence through timed practice.

****Official Resources****

Maharashtra State Council of Examination: <https://www.mscepune.in/>

National Scholarship Portal: <https://scholarships.gov.in/>

Previous-year papers should be downloaded from authentic sources, subject to availability and permission for redistribution.

10. Important Tips to Qualify NMMS

1. ****Understand MAT and SAT:**** Prepare both sections systematically.
2. ****Master Class 7 and 8 textbooks:**** Focus on fundamental concepts.
3. ****Practice Mental Ability daily:**** Solve reasoning questions regularly.
4. ****Strengthen Mathematics:**** Improve calculation speed and accuracy.
5. ****Revise Science and Social Science:**** Focus on conceptual understanding.
6. ****Solve previous-year papers:**** Become familiar with the examination format.
7. ****Take regular mock tests:**** Practice within the actual time limits.
8. ****Analyze your mistakes:**** Identify and improve weak topics.
9. ****Follow a daily timetable:**** Balance school examinations and NMMS preparation.
10. ****Aim above the minimum qualifying marks:**** Higher merit performance improves the chance of selection.

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