Exam pattern
The State level Examination would consist of two tests:
1. **Mental Aptitude Test. (MAT) : Time 90 mnts**
   Mental Aptitude Test consists of 90 multiple choice questions testing verbal and nonverbal meta-cognitive abilities like reasoning and critical thinking. The topics are analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception and hidden figures.

2. **Scholastic Aptitude Test. (SAT) : Time 90 mnts**
   Scholastic Aptitude Test consists of 90 multiple choice questions spanning subjects namely science, social studies and mathematics based on the curriculum of Class VII and VIII

Children with a disability will be given extra time. Students must pass both MAT and SAT tests with at least 40% marks for general category and 32% for reserved categories.

Successful candidates on intimation of reception of scholarship have to open a bank account jointly with a parent. The candidate must open an account with a Public-Sector Bank which has an Electronic Clearing System facility, in case SBI does not have a branch in the area. SBI will transfer the scholarship to this account quarterly a year. The national level (second stage) examination conducted by NCERT would be used to identify students for award of National Means cum Merit Examination