

About Read to Lead Program

What is Times SPARK?

Times SPARK is a scholarship under our READ TO LEAD programme. SPARK stands for Scholarship Programme for Awareness, Responsibility and Knowledge. This is an endeavour to encourage school students of class IX to XII to develop a reading habit that helps them understand about our society and environment, so that they can go on to write the future.

How does it work?

The Times of India will carry engaging articles across a range of fields like current affairs, science & technology, sports, politics, social issues, global developments etc. Over a span of 3 months, these articles will provide multi-dimensional perspectives to help you get a deeper understanding of various interesting subjects. At the end, there would be an online test followed by an interview to assess your understanding & perspectives.

What is the scholarship amount?

After the final assessment at the end of 3 months, up to 400 students will get an educational grant ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakhs. For the top 20, Bennett University will organize a special orientation program with its partner institutions - Cornell and Georgia Tech.

Eligibility

Students of class IX to XII can apply for this programme in two different levels:

- Level – I for students with birthdate from 01.07.2001 to 30.06.2004
- Level – II for students with birthdate from 01.07.1998 to 30.06.2001

The program is free for all. No registration fee.

Benefits

For Students

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For Schools

The top 5 schools of each city based on the number of their students enrolled for the program, will get featured in The Times of India.

Key Dates

25th July' 17

Registration start

15th Aug' 17

Registration close

5th Sept' 17

On Teachers Day, the articles will start in The Times of India

Mid-Dec' 17

Online Test

Early-Jan' 18

Interviews

26th Jan' 18

Results declared

FAQ's

Who all can register for the test?

Only school students currently in grades between 9th-12th.

Can an entry be a team one?

No, it's a scholarship test which should be taken individually.

Do I need to upload any documents?

No

What is the last date of registration?

15th August 2017

Will I get a confirmation email/SMS?

Yes, post registration.

Can I change my details after registering?

No, since your email ID will become your user name.

How do I report if there is any error?

Email us at times.spark@timesgroup.com

Is it necessary to be a TOI reader to participate in the test?

Yes, the test will be based on the articles published in TOI.

Will the questions be related to school curriculum?

No, the test will be based on certain selected articles published in TOI.

Do I have to attempt the test at an examination center?

No, it's an online exam.