

GUYANA

No. 8 of 1978

REGULATIONS

Made Under

THE EDUCATION ACT

(Cap. 39:01)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 54 OF THE EDUCATION ACT, I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:—

- Citation. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Guyana Scholarship Regulations 1978.
- Interpretation. 2. In these Regulations —  
“examination” means the examination for the scholarship;  
“scholar” means the holder of a scholarship; and  
“scholarship” means a Guyana scholarship.
- Number of scholarships. 3. Six scholarships shall be open to public competition at an examination to be held once in each year.
- Objective of award of scholarships. 4. The objective of the award of the scholarships shall be to encourage studies in relation to occupational fields which are relevant to the needs of Guyana.

5.(1) Scholarships shall be for courses of study of not less than three and not more than six years duration.

Provided that scholarships of six years duration shall be awarded only where a scholar will pursue a course of study requiring such period of time.

(2) The value of the scholarship shall vary according to the institution and the country in which the scholarship is tenable, the course of study and its duration.

(3) During the duration of the scholarship, every scholar shall be entitled to —

- (i) (a) a monthly maintenance allowance; and  
(b) an allowance for the purchase of books; and  
(c) an annual allowance for the purchase of clothing,  
at the rates from time to time determined by the Minister; and
- (ii) all expenses for tuition and fees for the course of study undertaken pursuant to these Regulations; and
- (iii) all expenses certified by the institution of study as being incurred as a necessary consequence of undertaking the course of study, except expenses incurred in travelling from the usual place of residence of the scholar to his usual place of study; and
- (iv) the provision of a passage to the place of study and a return passage to Guyana after completion of the course of study, where a scholarship is tenable in another country:

Provided that the value of any passage to which a scholar may be entitled under this regulation shall be at the student concessionary or economy class rate and shall be based on the cost of air travel by the most direct and economical route.

(4) Scholarships shall be tenable at such universities or other institutions as may be approved by the Minister.

Competition  
of scholar-  
ship.

6.(1) Any person (hereinafter referred to as a "candidate") shall be eligible to compete for a scholarship who —

- (a) is not more than nineteen years of age on the 1st January in the year in which the examination is held; and
- (b) was born in Guyana, or is the child of parents at least one of whom —
  - (i) is a citizen of Guyana; or
  - (ii) has had his permanent residence in Guyana throughout the period of five years immediately preceding the date of the examination; or
  - (iii) had established permanent residence in Guyana not less than five years before the date of the examination and died prior to the date of the examination; and
- (c) has resided therein during the twelve months immediately preceding the date of the examination; and
- (d) is attested by his principal instructor or instructors in the form of the certificate set out in the schedule to be of good moral character; and
- (e)
  - (i) has passed a school certificate examination recognised by the Minister with credits in not less than four subjects; or
  - (ii) has passed a General Certificate of Education Examination recognised by the Minister in not less than four subjects at the ordinary level with not less than Grade C in each; or
  - (iii) has obtained a qualification which, in the opinion of the Minister is equivalent to any of the qualifications mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this subparagraph.

(2) Every candidate shall apply in writing for permission to compete for a scholarship stating the three optional subjects which he has selected under regulation 7(2), and shall forward the application to the Chief Education Officer so as to reach him at his office in Georgetown not later than a date to be notified annually by him in the Gazette.

(3) Each application made under this regulation shall be accompanied by evidence in writing that the candidate has satisfied the conditions set out in paragraph (1).

7.(1) The examination shall be the General Certificate of Education Examination of the University of London, advanced level, or such other examination as may be determined by the Minister. **Examination.**

(2) Each candidate shall be examined in three subjects, the subjects being offered at the advanced or scholarship level as notified by the Chief Education Officer, from time to time in the Gazette.

8.(1) The Minister shall base the award of the scholarships on the order of merit of the candidates as stated in a report on the work of each candidate in each subject, furnished to him as soon as practicable after each examination: **Report.**

Provided that, if in any year the Minister is of the opinion that the standard of scholarship disclosed by the report is not such as to merit the award of a scholarship to a candidate, the Minister may direct that scholarships be awarded in that year only to those candidates who have attained the standard qualifying for the award of a scholarship.

(2) The Minister may award additional scholarships in any year when the standard of scholarship disclosed by the report in respect of candidates other than the successful candidates is such as, in the opinion of the Minister, merits the award.

(3) A person shall not, at the same time, hold a scholarship and any other award which, in the opinion of the Minister, is of equivalent value.

(4) A person to whom a scholarship is awarded and who holds or is granted an award of the class described in paragraph (3) shall be required to relinquish either the scholarship or the award.

9.(1) Not later than two weeks after a candidate has been informed of the award of a scholarship, he shall forward to the Chief Education Officer a medical certificate certifying that he has been examined by a Government Medical Officer and found to be medically fit. **Medical certificate.**

(2) Not later than two months after a candidate has been informed of the award of a scholarship, he shall apply in writing to the Chief Education Officer for approval of the university or other institution which he desires to enter and of the course of study which he proposes to undertake and shall state the vocation he proposes to follow on the completion of his studies.

(3) The Chief Education Officer shall invite the parents or guardian of a scholar to express in writing their or his views concerning the proposals contained in the application of the scholar made under this regulation.

(4) The Chief Education Officer shall also invite the principal instructor of a scholar to submit to him in writing any information concerning the scholar which, in the opinion of the instructor, may be of assistance to the Minister when considering the application of the scholar.

Documents  
to be for-  
warded to  
Minister.

10.(1) As soon as practicable after the receipt of the documents mentioned in regulation 9, the Chief Education Officer shall forward them, together with his comments thereon, for the consideration of the Minister.

(2) The Minister may approve the university or other institutions and the course of study proposed by a scholar or may direct that a scholar attend some other university or institution or that he pursue some other course of study or give both such directions.

(3) A scholar shall be informed of the decisions of the Minister and shall conform thereto.

(4) Except with the prior approval of the Minister, no scholar shall change either the university or the institution or the course of study approved or selected by the Minister.

Entry to  
University.

11. Unless the Minister otherwise approves pursuant to regulation 10(4), a scholar shall enter the university or institution approved by the Minister pursuant to regulation 10(2) as soon as practicable after the award of a scholarship and thereafter shall keep his terms regularly until the scholarship expires.

Progress  
report.

12. The Chief Education Officer shall, from time to time, request from the proper authority of the university or institution at which a scholar is studying a report on the conduct of the scholar and the progress he has made in his studies:

Provided that a scholar shall authorise the proper authority to furnish the report in circumstances where such an authorisation is required.

13. During his course of study a scholar shall be under the supervision and control of the Minister or of such other person whom the Minister may nominate to exercise such supervision and control. Super-  
vision of  
scholar.

14.(1) The Minister may from time to time, without prejudice to his powers under regulation 10, impose such other conditions as he may consider necessary for the holding of a scholarship. Conditions  
may be im-  
posed by  
Minister.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Minister may, in particular, require a scholar to —

- (a) enter into an agreement to return to Guyana immediately on completion of his course of study; and
- (b) report to the Permanent Secretary immediately upon arrival in Guyana for instructions regarding employment; and
- (c) accept employment with the Government, or an employer approved by the Government, for a continuous period of not less than five years:

Provided that failure to offer such employment to the scholar within four months after the date of his reporting to the Permanent Secretary shall relieve the scholar of all obligations under these Regulations, and failure on the part of the scholar to accept any employment so offered shall cause the entire sum expended by the Government in connection with the scholarship to become due and payable to the Government; and

(d) undergo training in the organisation known as the Guyana National Service prior to taking up the award for a period to be determined by the Minister:

Provided that if the scholar has commenced his course of study prior to the award he may be required to return to Guyana at the expense of the Government during his long vacation for the purpose of undergoing that period of training.

(3) The Minister may declare a scholarship to be forfeited, or may reduce the value of a scholarship, or may take such other disciplinary action as he may deem fit, if a scholar —

- (a) is expelled from the university or institution at which he is studying; or
- (b) fails to satisfy the authorities of the university or institution in any examination prescribed by them:

Provided that if the scholar furnishes an explanation for his failure to the satisfaction of the Minister, the Minister after consultation with the said authorities may decide not to exercise in relation to the scholar any power conferred on him by this paragraph; or

(c) fails to fulfil any of the requirements of these Regulations, unless he furnishes an explanation for his failure to the satisfaction of the Minister; or

(d) engages in any occupation, or activity, or accepts any appointment which, in the opinion of the authorities of the university or institution, is detrimental to his progress in the course of study approved, or selected, by the Minister.

Power of  
Minister

15. Subject to these Regulations, the Minister shall have power to decide all questions that may arise in respect of the administration of these Regulations.

Revocation  
of Regula-  
tions.

16. The Guyana Scholarship Regulations are hereby revoked.

Saving  
provision.

7. Notwithstanding regulation 16, any scholarship being held immediately before the commencement of these Regulations shall continue to be held in accordance with the Guyana Scholarship Regulations as if those regulations had not been revoked.

Reg. 6(1) (d)

**SCHEDULE**

I have been the principal instructor of

for                    years and in my opinion he is of good moral character.

(Signed).....

(Description).....

Made this 19th day of May, 1978.

*V. R. Teekah,*  
Minister of Education, Social Dev. and Culture.