

APPENDIX "A"

BRITISH GUIANA

REGULATIONS

Made Under

THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE,
(Chapter 91)

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 53 OF THE EDUCA-
TION ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS
HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL:-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Government County Scholarships Regulations, 1957. Short Title.
2. In these Regulations - Interpreta-
tion.
"Rural Demerara" means any part of Demerara other than the city of Georgetown.
3. Sixty-four Government County Scholarships shall be open for competition annually, namely:-
 - (a) Twenty-one Demerara Scholarships allocated as follows:-
 - (i) Eight for the city of Georgetown - five for boys and three for girls;
 - (ii) Thirteen for Rural Demerara - seven for boys and six for girls;
 - (b) Sixteen Berbice Scholarships - nine for boys and seven for girls;
 - (c) Twelve Essequibo Scholarships - seven for boys and five for girls;
 - (d) Fifteen General Scholarships.

to the satisfaction of the Director.

(2) Where a child attends schools in more than one area during the year immediately preceding the examination, he shall be allowed at the discretion of the Director to write the examination at a centre of the area in which he is resident at the time of the examination, but shall only be eligible to qualify for a scholarship of the area in which he has been in attendance at an elementary school for the longer or longest period during the qualifying year. The decision of the Director shall be final.

5. Every candidate shall satisfy the Director as to general character and conduct.

6. (1) Any boy or girl may compete for a scholarship who is qualified under regulations 4 and 5 and fulfils the following conditions -

- (a) is a British Subject;

Candidates to be of good behaviour.

Other conditions of eligibility.

Amended by Regulation 2 of Regulations No. 11 of 1959

- (b) is not less than 10 years of age or more than 12 years of age on 31st May in the year of the examination;
- (c) has been resident in British Guiana --
 - (i) if born in British Guiana, for a period of not less than one year immediately preceding the 1st of April of the year of the examination; and
 - (ii) if not born in British Guiana, for a period of not less than three years immediately preceding the 1st of April of the year of the examination.
- (d) has not at any time during the one year immediately preceding the examination attended a school at which a Government County Scholarship is tenable.

(2) Proof of the age of the candidate must be produced to the satisfaction of the Director.

Test Examination.

7. The subjects of the test examination for the scholarships shall be English and Arithmetic and such other subjects as the Director, on the advice of the Education Committee, may from time to time specify. The Director shall publish a notice in the Gazette not less than 6 months before the first day of the examination stating the subjects of the examination, the date thereof and the place or places where it is to be held.

Method of award.

8. (1) No scholarships shall be awarded to any candidate who has obtained less than 60 per centum of the total marks in the subjects of the examination and less than 50 per centum of the marks in English.

(2) Scholarships to the number stated in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of regulation 3 shall, subject to regulation 10, be awarded to the boys and girls who have obtained the highest marks among the pupils of their respective areas at the foregoing examination.

(3) After excluding from the list of candidates the names of those to whom scholarships have been awarded under the preceding paragraph, scholarships to the number stated in paragraph (d) of regulation 3 shall be awarded irrespective of sex, place of birth, or place of residence to candidates who secure in the examination the first 15 places in order of merit.

Award to be made by the Governor.

9. The Director shall report the results of the examination to the Governor by whom the awards will be made.

Variation of allotment of scholarships.

10. In the event of any scholarships available for boys in any area not being won they shall be made available to girls in that area according to order of merit, similarly should any scholarships for girls in any area be not won they shall be made available to boys in the same manner. In the event of the scholarships available for both boys and girls in any area not being won, such scholarships shall be added to the number of general scholarships and awarded on the same basis as set out in paragraph (3) of regulation 8 but in no case shall a candidate be awarded a scholarship who has not reached the qualifying standard prescribed in regulation 8.

Tenure and value of scholarships.

11. (1) Each scholar shall be entitled to free tuition for five years at an approved secondary school. The cost of tuition shall be borne by Government and shall not exceed \$30 a term for a school year of three terms commencing 1st September and ending 31st August of the succeeding year.

(2) A sum of \$50 per annum shall be payable in three instalments, one at the beginning of each term, to the parent or guardian of each scholar to assist in the purchase of books and in the maintenance of the scholar.

(3) Additional allowances shall be paid annually in three instalments, one at the beginning of each term, to the parent or guardian of the scholar in the following cases:—

- (a) where the scholar resides not less than 6 miles and not more than 30 miles from the school attended the sum of \$15;
- (b) where the scholar resides more than 30 miles and not more than 65 miles from the school attended the sum of \$18;
- (c) where the scholar resides more than 65 miles from the school attended the sum of \$25.

12. (1) Application for the maintenance allowance attached to a scholarship shall be made by the parent or guardian. Maintenance allowance.

(2) Any sum of money voted for scholarships to be awarded under these regulations which becomes available on account of scholarships being awarded without maintenance allowance shall be utilised for the purpose of providing additional scholarships.

13. Scholarships shall be tenable at such secondary schools as the Governor may from time to time direct. Schools at which tenable.

14. No boy or girl who holds a scholarship or is in receipt of any other aid towards the cost of his or her education which is administered by the Education Department or by any other public department or officer, shall at the same time hold a Government County Scholarship. Scholarships not to be held with any other scholarships etc.

15. If the holder of a scholarship qualifies for the School Certificate or a recognised Schools Examination Board with credits in four or more subjects, the General Certificate of Education of any approved University or Universities or any University Joint Board with five or more passes, the Governor may extend the scholarship for such period as the holder is eligible to sit for the British Guiana Scholarship. During any period of extension the scholar shall be entitled to the benefits of the scholarship stated in regulation 11 but shall be subject to the provisions of regulation 16. Extension of scholarship.

16. (1) Every scholar shall be under the general supervision of the Director, and the Principal of a school attended by a scholar shall, at the end of each term, send to the Director a certificate of conduct and progress of the scholar. Failure to obtain a Certificate of good conduct and satisfactory progress, may at the discretion of the Director, entail the suspension of all rights and privileges of a scholar for one or more terms. Failure to obtain such a certificate on three consecutive terms shall entail forfeiture of such scholarship if the Governor so directs. Supervision and discipline of scholars.

(2) In the case of misconduct on the part of a scholar, the scholarship may be forfeited forthwith if the Governor so directs.

17. The Government County Scholarships Regulations are hereby repealed. Repeal Cap. 91.

Made in Council this 23rd day of October, 1957.

IVOR O. SMITH,
Clerk to the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

This is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations increase the number of Government County Scholarships to be awarded, and provide for awards to be made in respect of the city of Georgetown separately from the rest of the county of Demerara. They also effect a number of minor amendments which