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BRITISH GUIANA

REGULATIONS

MADE UNDER

THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE,

(Chapter 91).

UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE MINISTER FOR THE TIME BEING CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATION :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the British Guiana Scholarships Regulations, 1965.
2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—  
 “Minister” means the Minister for the time being charged with the responsibility for Education;  
 “regulation” means a regulation of these Regulations;  
 “scholar” means the holder of a scholarship;  
 “scholarship” means a British Guiana Scholarship.
3. Three scholarships, one for boys only, one for girls only, and one for both boys and girls, to be known as the British Guiana Scholarships, shall be open to public competition at an examination to be held once in each year.
4. (1) Scholarships shall be for courses of study of three, or four or six years duration:

Provided that scholarships of six years duration shall be awarded only where the scholar will pursue studies in Medicine.

(2) Scholarships for courses of study of three years duration shall each be of the value of £1,830, those for courses of study of four years duration shall each be of the value of £2,425, and those for courses of study of six years duration shall each be of the value of £3,615.

(3) Every scholar shall be entitled to a free passage to the place of Study, and to a return passage to British Guiana after the completion of his training:

Provided that the value of any passage to which a scholar may be entitled under this regulation shall not exceed the rates from time to time to be determined by the Minister.

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

5. (1) Any person (hereinafter in this regulation and in regulations 6, 7 and 8 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;
- (b) was born in British Guiana or is the child of parents who have resided in British Guiana for not less than seven years, or one of whom has had his or her permanent residence in British Guiana throughout the period of five years immediately preceding the date of the examination;
- (c) has, during two of the five years immediately preceding the examination, been educated in British Guiana and has resided therein during the six months immediately preceding the date of examination;
- (d) is attested by his principal instructor (or instructors, in the form of the certificate set out in the schedule to these Regulations, to be of good moral character;
- (e) has, before the 31st January in the year preceding that in which the scholarship examination is held, passed either —
  - (i) a school certificate examination recognised by the Minister with credits in not less than four subjects; or
  - (ii) the matriculation examination of a recognised British University; or
  - (iii) a General Certificate of Education Examination recognised by the Minister in not less than four subjects at the ordinary level; and
- (f) has paid to the Accountant General such fee as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.

(2) Every candidate shall forward 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, a written application for permission to compete for a scholarship.

(3) In his application each candidate shall state the three optional subjects which he has selected under paragraph (3) of regulation 6.

(4) 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) of this regulation.

6. (1) The scholarship examination shall be the General Certificate of Education Examination of the University of London.

(2) Every candidate for a scholarship shall submit the English Essay as one of his subjects and must satisfy the Examiner in that subject, but the marks

so gained shall not be included when the marks of any candidate are aggregated for the purpose of awarding the scholarship.

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

7. (1) As soon as practicable after each examination a report on the work of each candidate in each subject shall be submitted to the Minister and such report shall state the order of merit of the candidates.

(2) The Minister shall consider the report and shall base the award of the scholarships thereon, the award of the third scholarship being made after the award of the scholarship for boys only and the scholarship for girls only:

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 any candidate, the Minister may direct that the scholarship be not awarded that year.

(3) When in any year a scholarship is not awarded the Minister may in lieu thereof award an additional scholarship in the next, or any subsequent year when the standard of scholarship of a candidate, other than the successful candidates is such as, in the opinion of the Minister, merits the award.

(4) 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.

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

8. (1) Within two weeks of a candidate being informed of the award of a scholarship he shall forward to the Chief Education Officer a medical certificate that he has been examined by a Government Medical Officer and found to be medically and constitutionally fit to pursue a course of studies for a University Degree.

(2) Within two months of a candidate being informed of the award of a scholarship he shall make application 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 take 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 will be of assistance to the Minister when considering the application of the scholar.

9. (1) As soon as practicable after the receipt of the documents mentioned in regulation 8 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 institution 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.

10. Unless the Minister otherwise approves, a scholar shall enter the university or institution which he is to attend as soon as practicable after the award of a scholarship and thereafter shall keep his terms regularly until the scholarship expires.

11. A scholar shall transmit at the end of each academic year to the Chief Education Officer, through such agency as the Minister may indicate from time to time, a report from the proper authority of the university or institution at which he is studying concerning his conduct and the progress he has made in his studies.

12. 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.

13. 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) marries without the prior approval of the Minister; or
- (b) is expelled from the university or other institution at which he is studying; or
- (c) fails, within the period fixed by the authorities of the university or institution, to satisfy the said authorities in any examination prescribed by them; or
- (d) engages in any occupation 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; or
- (e) fails to fulfil any of the requirements of these Regulations unless he furnishes an explanation to the satisfaction of the Minister.

14. The Minister shall have power to decide all questions that may arise in respect of the administration of these Regulations.

15. The British Guiana Scholarship Regulations\* and all amendments thereto are hereby revoked:

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Provided that —

- (a) subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this proviso, any scholarship awarded under the said regulations; and being held at the commencement of these Regulations shall continue to be held as if it had been awarded under these Regulations;
- (b) any person who at the commencement of these Regulations is pursuing a course of study by virtue of such a scholarship shall be entitled to receive over the remaining period of the scholarship such annual payment as is commensurate with the value of the scholarship as provided by these Regulations.

SCHEDULE

Reg. 5(1) (d)

I have been the principal instructor of \_\_\_\_\_ for  
 \_\_\_\_\_ years and in my opinion he is of good moral character.

(Signed).....

(Description).....

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19

Made this 27th day of August, 1965.

WINIFRED GASKIN,  
 Minister of Education, Youth, Race Relations and  
 Community Development.