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BELIZE SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

(Section 6)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the
   BELIZE SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS.

2. For the purposes of these Regulations-

   “candidate” means a person of either sex who is a candidate for a scholarship;

   “institution” means the university, college or other approved institution at which
   a scholar pursues an approved course of study;

   “qualifying examination” means the General Certificate of Education
   Advanced Level Examination of the University of Cambridge Local
   Examinations Syndicate, held in Belize in the year 1964 and in any
   succeeding year;

   “scholar” means a person who holds a scholarship;

   “scholarship” means a course of study in an institution leading to a first degree;

   “Syndicate” means the University of Cambridge Local Examinations
   Syndicate;

   “termination of scholarship” means termination in any manner of a course of
   study approved under regulation 5 hereof;

   “year of candidature” means, in respect of any candidate, the year in which he
   sits for the qualifying examination.
3. (1) The scholarship shall be awarded on the results of the qualifying examination held in the preceding year, as those results are reported to the Chief Education Officer by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subregulation (1) of this Regulation, the scholarship shall be awarded on the basis of performance in the General Paper and in two Advanced Level subjects all to be taken at one and the same time, but only to a candidate who can satisfy university entrance requirements.

(3) The name of the candidate awarded the scholarship shall be published in the Gazette with as little delay as possible after the receipt of the report and examination results from the Syndicate.

4. (1) Every candidate shall -

(a) be not more than twenty-four on the first day of October in his year of candidature;

(b) be a citizen of Belize;

(c) have been born in Belize or, if not born in Belize, have been born of parents one of whom-

(i) was domiciled in Belize at the time of the birth of such candidate; or

(ii) has resided in Belize for at least ten years ending with the month prior to that in which the examination is held; or

(iii) has died in Belize:
Provided that in such case the candidate himself has resided in Belize for at least ten years next preceding the thirty-first day of July in his year of candidature;

(d) have resided in Belize for at least five years next preceding the thirty-first day of July in his year of candidature;

(e) be of good personal character, vouched for to the satisfaction of the Minister; and

(f) not later than the last date of entry to the qualifying examination in his year of candidature, notify the Chief Education Officer (in such form as he may prescribe) that he is a candidate for the scholarship in the next year.

(2) For the purposes of subparagraph (d) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, a candidate who, during the five years next preceding the thirty-first day of July in his year of candidature, has resided or is residing in a territory outside Belize for the purpose of receiving his education in that territory shall be deemed to have been resident in Belize.

(3) A person may be a candidate on more than one occasion so long as he fulfills all the requirements of these Regulations.

(4) Every candidate shall comply with the requirements of the Chief Education Officer as to fees, forms, date of entrance and all other matters relating to his qualifying examination.

5. (1) Any scholar who continues to hold any other scholarship awarded in Belize shall be deemed to have resigned the scholarship.
(2) The scholar shall-

(a) before his departure for the country of study be medically examined and shall furnish to the Chief Education Officer a certificate of his physical fitness signed by a Government medical officer, which certificate shall include examination of the teeth and eyes, and an X-ray examination of the chest;

(b) matriculate at the institution selected for his studies not later than the commencement of the second academic year following the date of the award of his scholarship.

(3) The Minister may authorise an award to a scholar to pursue a pre-university course to enable him to matriculate.

(4) The institution and course of study selected by any scholar awarded a scholarship under these Regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.

(5) No scholar shall alter his approved course of study or change his institution without the approval of the Minister.

6. (1) In the event of the failure of any scholar to obtain such certificate of physical fitness, or to matriculate, the Minister may declare the scholarship forfeited, and thereupon such scholarship shall be summarily withdrawn.

(2) Every scholar shall be under the direction and control, and obey all the instructions, of the Chief Education Officer.

(3) Every scholar shall forward or cause to be forwarded to the Chief Education Officer-
(a) at the end of every term, a certificate signed by the authorities of his institution, stating that he is thoroughly well-conducted, industrious and is keeping his terms continuously; and

(b) at the end of every academic year, a certificate signed by the authorities of his institution, stating that he is making satisfactory progress in the attainment of such degree, certificate or diploma as has been approved under Regulation 5 of these Regulations.

(4) If any scholar, disabled by illness attributable to his own misconduct or prevented by any other cause which the Minister may in his opinion consider insufficient-

(a) fails to obtain any of the certificates prescribed in regulation 6(3) of these Regulations, or

(b) disobedies any instruction of the Chief Education Officer, or

(c) fails to keep the terms of his institution or to pass the examination prescribed for his approved course of study within the time fixed by the authorities of his institution, or

(d) is expelled, rusticated or suspended from his institution, or

(e) begins any course of study or accepts any appointment without the approval of the Minister, or
(f) fails to comply with any of these Regulations, or

(g) is guilty of any grave misconduct, serious breach of discipline of his institution, or of persistent idleness,

his scholarship may be declared forfeited by the Minister and shall thereupon be summarily withdrawn.

7. There shall be paid to every scholar-

(a) the cost of a second-class passage from Belize to the place of study at the commencement of a scholarship;

(b) either-

(i) on the successful completion of a scholarship, the cost of a second class passage from the country of study to Belize should he then desire to return; or

(ii) on a scholarship being withdrawn, resigned or otherwise terminated unsuccessfully, the cost of a second class passage from the country of study to Belize, should he then desire to return;

(c) the cost of his railway fares from the port of arrival in the country of study to the institution at the commencement of a scholarship, and from the institution to the port of embarkation for Belize on the termination of a scholarship; and
(d) in cases where he is required to undertake some part of his studies, or practical work in connection with his course, at a place distant from his usual place of instruction and from his usual residence at the time, the transport expenses involved, equivalent to rail fares together with a subsistence allowance at the existing student rate for each night he is in consequence unavoidably absent from his normal residence. A scholar who claims such expenses shall do so on a form, which, on application, will be provided by the Chief Education Officer.

Allowances. 8. (1) There shall be paid to every scholar-

(a) an outfit allowance not exceeding two hundred dollars which may be paid at the scholar’s request either in Belize shortly before the scholar’s departure or on his arrival in the country of study, or partly in both places. The scholar shall produce to the Chief Education Officer bills showing expenditure of the amount; and

(b) a personal allowance of an amount to be determined by the Minister, but in no case more than the existing student rate in the country of study, reckoned from the date of his arrival in the country of study to the end of the academic year of the successful termination of a scholarship, free of income tax, in such equal instalments as shall prove most satisfactory to the student. The first of such instalments shall be paid upon the arrival of the scholar in the country of study:
Provided that the second and subsequent instalment shall be paid only after the receipt by the Chief Education Officer of the latest certificate required by Regulation 6 (3) of these Regulations; and

(c) hotel and other living expenses not exceeding the existing student rate in the territory, necessarily incurred in the course of travel from and to Belize at the commencement and termination of a scholarship; and

(d) an allowance of two dollars for each night spent on board ship during the passage to and from the country of study to cover miscellaneous expenses on board; and

(e) such medical expenses (including expenses connected with ophthalmic and dental treatment), as may be considered necessary by the Chief Education Officer.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of this Regulation, the Minister may authorise an advance to be made to a scholar before his departure from Belize to enter upon his studies. Any such advance shall be recovered by such deductions from the instalments payable under paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of this Regulation as the Minister may direct.

9. There shall be paid to or on behalf of every scholar -

(a) all the fees due to the institution in respect of such scholar and the fees of all examinations he is required to take in connection with his approved course of study:

Fees.
Provided that fees required for the retaking of an examination shall be payable only in exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Chief Education Officer; and

\[(b)\] on the advice of the Registrar of the University and on the recommendation of the Chief Education Officer, a sum to cover the purchase of books and instruments required for the course of study.

10. Any scholar may, on the successful completion of a scholarship, with the approval of the Minister, be allowed to postpone at his own expense his return to Belize in order that he may pursue a further course of study, or acquire additional professional qualifications:

Provided that, in case of such postponement of return, for the purpose of-

\[(a)\] Regulation 8 (1) \((b)\) of these Regulations, he shall be deemed to have arrived in Belize at the end of the academic year of the successful termination of the scholarship;

\[(b)\] Regulations 7 (b) \((i)\), 7 (c), 8 (1) \((c)\) of these Regulations, he shall be deemed to have terminated the scholarship successfully on the date of his terminating such further course of study or the acquisition of such additional professional qualifications as aforesaid.

11. (1) Every candidate selected for the award of a scholarship shall, if required to do so by the Minister, enter into a bond undertaking that he would, upon the completion of his course of studies or on such later date as may be approved by the Minister, return to Belize and for such period as the Minister may decide in each case—
(a) enter, re-enter or remain in the service of the Government of Belize; or

(b) serve a quasi Government body in Belize; or

(c) subject to the express written consent of the Minister, work in any sector of the country.

(2) The expression “quasi Government body” for the purposes of this regulation includes the Belize City Council established under the Belize City Council Act, a Town Council of any Town established under the Town Councils Act, the Belmopan City Council established under the Belmopan City Council Act, or any other institution recognized as such by the Minister.