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The Minister responsible for education, in exercise of the power conferred by section 5 of the Bermuda Government Scholarships Act 2008, makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1 These Regulations may be cited as the Bermuda Government Scholarships Regulations 2013.

Interpretation

2 In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Bermuda Government Scholarships Act 2008;

“candidate” means an applicant for a Scholarship;

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“Permanent Secretary” means the permanent secretary for the Ministry responsible for education;

“scholar” means the holder of a Scholarship;

“Scholarship” means a Bermuda Government Scholarship.

Education test

3 (1) The educational test for the Bermuda Government Scholarships shall be that the candidate has successfully completed a secondary education programme approved by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation which qualifies the candidate for entry into an approved college or university.

(2) Any candidate who produces to the Permanent Secretary documentary evidence that he has successfully completed a programme referred to in paragraph (1) shall be considered eligible for selection as a scholar, provided that—

- (a) he possesses Bermudian status;
- (b) he has been educated in Bermuda for at least five consecutive years; and
- (c) he satisfies the other conditions prescribed in the Act and in these Regulations.

Scholar may accept additional funding

4 (1) Subject to this regulation, a scholar may accept additional funding by way of scholarship, bursary, grant or award from his place of study or from another source.

(2) A scholar who accepts such additional funding shall notify the Permanent Secretary as soon as practicable as to the nature and amount of the funding.

Applications for award of Bermuda Government Scholarships

5 (1) Every candidate shall, not later than 15th April of the year in which the Scholarship is to be awarded, or such other date as may be specified by the Permanent Secretary by an advertisement published in the Gazette, make written application to the Permanent Secretary.

(2) Scholarships shall be awarded by the Minister under the Act as soon as is reasonably practicable before 15th August of that year.

Requirements in respect of applications

6 (1) Every candidate shall attach to his application—

- (a) a copy of his birth certificate;
- (b) confirmation from the Department of Immigration of his Bermudian Status;
- (c) a certificate from the principal or manager of the secondary school or programme at which the candidate has been a student, as to the period during which the candidate has been educated in Bermuda;

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- (d) a letter as to his extra-curricular or co-curricular activities signed by the principal or manager of his school or a person who has knowledge of the above;
- (e) two letters of recommendation attesting to his academic achievements and character;
- (f) acceptance letter from an approved college or university offering his programme of study;
- (g) statement of estimated costs of tuition and accommodation;
- (h) statement whether he currently holds or will hold or intends to hold any scholarship, bursary, grant or award from his place of study or from another source;
- (i) secondary school or university or college record or other document, as the case may be, evidencing grades obtained up to the end of the term or semester immediately preceding date of application;
- (j) any other document or information that may be requested by the Permanent Secretary for the purpose of the candidate's application for a Scholarship.

(2) Any application that is not made in accordance with these Regulations will be deemed to be incomplete and will not be considered by the Board.

Payment of annual value of scholarship

7 (1) The annual value of the scholarship shall be paid annually as a lump sum, unless the Permanent Secretary otherwise determines.

(2) As soon as practicable after the end of the school year and, in any event, prior to the commencement of a new school year, the scholar shall provide to the Permanent Secretary a certificate from the head of the approved college or university at which the scholar is pursuing his studies to the effect—

- (a) that the work and conduct of the scholar have been satisfactory; or
- (b) that the scholar has been prevented from pursuing his studies by serious illness or other unavoidable cause.

(3) Without provision of such a certificate to the Permanent Secretary the Scholarship shall lapse.

(4) But in special circumstances, on the written application of a scholar who has not provided such a certificate, the Board may decide—

- (a) that the Scholarship shall not lapse, and
- (b) that the scholar shall be permitted to continue to hold his Scholarship subject to satisfaction of such conditions consistent with the Act and these Regulations as the Board may impose.

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Method of payment

8 Upon receipt by the Permanent Secretary of the certificate specified in regulation 7(2), the Permanent Secretary may authorise the payment of any sums of money due to the scholar with respect to his Scholarship to be made to the scholar or to his order.

Suspension of Scholarship

9 (1) Subject to this regulation the Board, after giving a scholar an opportunity to be heard, may sanction the suspension of his Scholarship for cause, including any case where the Board is satisfied that the scholar has failed to comply with any provision of the Act or these Regulations.

(2) The Board, at least 21 days before any suspension takes effect, shall give written notice to the scholar—

- (a) setting out the reasons for the Board's decision; and
- (b) advising him of the right to appeal to the Minister.

(3) An appeal brought by the scholar (or by his parent or guardian if he is under the age of 18 years) must be made in writing to the Minister within 14 days of the date of the Board's notice given under paragraph (2), and the Minister's decision shall be final.

Revocation of 1958 Regulations

10 Subject to regulation 11(2), the Bermuda Government Scholarships Regulations 1958 are revoked.

Commencement and transitional provision

11 (1) These Regulations come into operation on the same date as the Bermuda Government Scholarships Amendment Act 2013 ("the commencement date") and apply with respect to persons awarded a Scholarship on or after that date.

(2) Accordingly, in accordance with section 8(2) of that Act, the Bermuda Government Scholarships Regulations 1958 shall continue to apply to persons who were awarded a Scholarship before the commencement date.

Made this 23rd day of July 2013

Minister of Education