

CHAPTER 39:06

BUXTON SCHOLARSHIP ACT

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**An Act to provide for the Administration of a Fund for the granting of Scholarships to Children from the Buxton and Friendship District.**

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c. 198  
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c. 96

6 of 1923

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1. This Act may be cited as the Buxton Scholarship Act.

Short title.

2. (1) The amount of two thousand and fifty-eight dollars, raised by public subscription for the purpose of providing scholarships for competition by children of the Buxton and Friendship village district, together with all property hereafter acquired in addition thereto for the same purpose, shall be called the Buxton scholarship fund (in this Act referred to as the fund).

The Buxton scholarship fund.

(2) The fund shall be vested in trustees, hereafter in this Act referred to as the trustees, who shall hold it in trust for the purposes of this Act and award scholarships for competition by children of the Buxton and Friendship village district, and, out of the income of the fund, pay the cost of the scholarships they award from time to time, and make any other payments they have authority to make.

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Schedule. (3) The trustees shall administer the fund, shall award scholarships, and may make other payments of money, in accordance with this Act and the Buxton Scholarship Regulations set out in the Schedule.

Trustees of the fund, their appointment and powers.

**3.** (1) The trustees shall be not more than five nor less than three in number, and shall be styled “The Trustees of the Buxton Scholarship Fund”, and they may sue and be sued in that name.

(2) The Minister shall appoint the first trustees, and upon the publication in the *Gazette* of the appointment all moneys and property comprising the fund shall thereupon vest in the trustees, and the fund shall be paid to them within two weeks from that publication.

(3) On the death, resignation, or absence without leave from Guyana for four months, of any trustee the Minister may appoint someone to be trustee to take his place.

(4) During the absence from Guyana of a trustee, the Minister may appoint a person to act as trustee.

(5) The Minister shall appoint one of the trustees to be chairman, who shall hold office for three years but may be re-appointed, and he shall preside at all meetings of trustees at which he is present; in the absence of the chairman the trustees present at a meeting shall elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(6) The trustees may acquire and dispose of property for the purposes of the fund and make investments of the fund in any securities in which trustees are by law authorised to invest, and also on the security of immovable property in Guyana to an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the value of the property.

(7) All acts shall be valid and binding if performed by three trustees.

(8) The Trustees shall keep proper books of account of their receipts and expenditure, which shall be subject to the examination of the Auditor-General, and shall annually make a report of their transactions and accounts to the Minister.

(9) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of a trustee.

(10) The appointment, and the revocation of the appointment, of a trustee shall be notified in the *Gazette*.

4. The Minister subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly may amend or revoke the regulations in the Schedule.

Amendment or revocation of regulations.

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SCHEDULE

BUXTON SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

1. A scholarship, to be called the Buxton scholarship, is hereby established and shall be open to boys and girls of the Buxton and Friendship village district who shall compete at the government primary examination held in Guyana.

Establishment of scholarship.

2. The scholarship shall be of the value of \$120 per annum and shall be tenable for three years at Queen's College or any recognised secondary school in Guyana.

Value.

3. The scholarship shall be awarded to the boy or girl who is placed first among the candidates competing.

Scholarship competitive.

4. Any boy or girl shall be eligible to compete for the scholarship who—

Qualifications.

(a) produces proof that he or she will not be above the age of twelve or thirteen years at the commencement of the examination;

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(b) produces a certificate, attested by his or her principal instructor or instructors, that his or her moral character and general conduct have been satisfactory, in the following form:

“I consider *A.B.* to be qualified as regards moral character and general conduct to compete for the Buxton scholarship.  
*C.D.*”

(c) is the child of a father and mother resident Buxtonians by birth; or

(d) is the child of either father or mother who is resident Buxtonian by birth as aforesaid; or

(e) is the child of Buxtonians living abroad, that is to say, the child of either father or mother as aforesaid being a Buxtonian; or

(f) is the child of either father or mother as aforesaid who is not a Buxtonian, but who, from the birth to the time of qualification of the child for the scholarship, was resident at Buxton.

First  
examination.

5. The first examination under these Regulations shall be held in 1923.

Powers of  
trustees.

6. The trustees shall have power—

(a) to declare eligible for the scholarship a boy or girl, who, while otherwise a fit candidate, exceeds the age of twelve years but does not exceed the age of thirteen years at the commencement of the examination;

(b) to award if at any one examination for the scholarship any eligible candidate obtains a number of marks of not less than fifty-five per cent of the total marks, the scholarship to that candidate;

(c) to extend, at their discretion and if the condition of the fund justifies it, the period of duration of the scholarship by one or two years;

(d) to increase from time to time, if the condition of the fund justifies it, the yearly value of the scholarship and to

arrange the mode and time of paying the increase, but at no time shall the yearly value of the scholarship exceed the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars;

(e) to make, at their discretion, and if the condition of the fund justifies it, during and after the scholarship, any further special grant or grants of money to a scholar whose circumstances so require, and to arrange the mode and time of paying the special grant or grants, which shall, however, at no time exceed the amount of ten dollars;

(f) to withhold from a scholar payment of the quarterly advance or a part thereof on his scholarship until satisfied by a certificate from the head of the school which he is attending or from his principal instructor or instructors, dealing with his or her character and general progress;

(g) to solicit and receive at all times money, gifts, and donations towards the fund;

(h) to take any steps deemed advisable and opportune for having on one or more days in the month of August of each year festival celebrations at Buxton and Friendship, the day or days to be called "FOREFATHER DAY," for the purpose of collecting money, gifts, and donations from any person and thereby increasing and strengthening the fund:

Provided that for those celebrations a sum not exceeding fifteen dollars shall be advanced by the trustees from the already accumulated fund and the amount so advanced by the trustees shall forthwith after the festival celebrations be replaced in the fund out of the money, gifts, and donations received from the celebrations.

7. If the winner of a government primary scholarship be also the winner of the Buxton scholarship, he shall elect which scholarship he will hold, and if he chooses the government scholarship and there is another candidate eligible at the same examination, the trustees shall award the scholarship to that candidate.

Where winner wins another scholarship.

8. All Buxton scholars will be under the direct supervision of the trustees, who shall pay all fees, supply all necessary books, and pay over to the parent or guardian of each scholar any amount remaining

Supervision by trustees.

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from the quarterly instalments to be paid towards the scholarship and the amount of any special grant or grants made by the trustees to the scholar.

Arrangements  
to carry out  
Regulations.

**9.** The trustees shall from time to time make the necessary arrangements with the Chief Education Officer or the Education Department for carrying out these Regulations.

**BONUS TO HEAD TEACHER**

Honorarium to  
head teacher of  
winning  
school.

**10.** The trustees shall award an honorarium of not less than twenty-five dollars to the head teacher of any Buxton and Friendship district school whose scholar wins the scholarship.

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