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Government Notice No. 840

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS, 1962
NIGER DELTA SPECIAL AREA

The Federal Government proposes to award in the academic year 1962-63, ten (10) Special University and other post-secondary Scholarships to candidates of Niger Delta Special Area origin.

Applications for study in any of the following subjects will be considered:

(1) Agriculture
(2) Forestry
(3) Biology—for candidates wishing to enter Fisheries work
(4) Geography, including Geology
(5) Chemistry
(6) Civil Engineering
(7) Medicine
(8) Science subjects (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Zoology, Mathematics)—for candidates wishing to enter the teaching profession.
(9) Mechanical Engineering
(10) Electrical Engineering
(11) Petroleum Engineering
(12) Arts subjects—for candidates wishing to enter the teaching profession.
(13) Economics

Qualifications for awards.—Candidates must be from the Niger Delta Special Area (i.e., both parents must be of that area), and must provide evidence of this. The following points should be noted:

(a) No candidate will be considered for an award who does not have the necessary academic qualifications for direct entry to a university, i.e., usual passes in appropriate subjects at G.C.E. ‘A’ level or its equivalent or H.S.C. at “Principal” Level.

(b) For other courses—no candidate will be considered for an award who does not hold at least Grade II School Certificate (Cambridge or West African) with credits in English Language and four other subjects allied to the proposed course of study. Equivalent qualifications gained through the General Certificate of Education examination will be accepted.

Other qualifications.—(a) Applications may be made by candidates of either sex who must be under 30 years of age on 1st January, 1962.

(b) Successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination of fitness which will include a tuberculin test and an X-ray examination of the chest.

Place of study.—The majority of the awards will be for courses now available, either wholly or in part, at Colleges or Universities in Nigeria and in other countries in West Africa. Intending candidates must, therefore, acquaint themselves with the conditions of entry into these Institutions of Higher Learning—and must themselves apply direct for admission to the institution of their choice. Candidates will be required to produce evidence of acceptance but no guarantee of award can be given to every applicant who has been successful in obtaining entry to one of the West African Colleges or other universities.
Application Forms.—Application for Scholarships must be completed in duplicate on the prescribed forms which are available from:

(a) The Federal Ministry of Education.
(b) The Secretary, Northern Nigeria, Scholarships Board, Kaduna.
(c) The Secretary, Eastern Nigeria Scholarships Board, Enugu.
(d) The Secretary, Western Nigeria Scholarships Board, Ibadan.
(f) The Consulate-General of Nigeria (Education Division), 575 Lexington Avenue, New York, 22 N.Y., United States of America.
(g) Commissioner for Nigeria in Sierra-Leone, Office of the Commissioner for Nigeria, Freetown, Sierra-Leone.
(h) High Commissioner for Nigeria in Ghana, Office of the High Commissioner for Nigeria, P.O. Box 1548, Accra, Ghana.

Submission of applications.—(i) Except in cases specified in sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) below, one copy of the completed forms—together with a passport size photograph certified on the reverse side to be a true likeness of the applicant—should be forwarded to the Permanent Secretary (Scholarships Division), Federal Ministry of Education, Lagos, so as to reach him on or before the 5th of June, 1962. Envelopes should be marked "Niger Delta Special Area Scholarships" in the top left-hand corner. The second copy of the application forms should be sent to the College in West Africa where the applicant is seeking admission regardless of whether a previous application has been made to the College.

(ii) Applicants desiring to pursue courses which are only available outside West Africa should fill only one copy of the application form which should be despatched together with a photograph as prescribed above to the Permanent Secretary (Scholarships Division), Federal Ministry of Education, Lagos.

(iii) Applications accompanied by a photograph as explained above, from Niger Delta Special Area Students in the United Kingdom and on the continent of Europe should be forwarded in duplicate to the Education attache, Nigeria House Annex, The Adelphi, John Adam Street, London, W.C.2., so as to reach him not later than Tuesday 5th June, 1962. Private Students in the United States of America and Canada should apply in the same way to the Nigerian Consulate-General (Education Division), 575, Lexington Avenue, New York, 22 New York, U.S.A. so as to reach him not later than Tuesday 5th June, 1962.

Warning.—It is important that candidates adhere strictly to the foregoing instructions as failure to do so may lead to rejection of the application of the candidates concerned. No late applications may be entertained.

Note.—Candidates from the Niger Delta Special Area who have already applied for the general Federal Government Scholarships under the earlier Scholarship notice are not precluded from applying under this new notice.

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