



CHAPTER 39

An Act to make provision for the granting of scholarships in commemoration of the assistance received by the United Kingdom under the European Recovery Programme and known as Marshall Aid; and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid.

[31st July 1953.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. For the purpose of providing, in each year, up to twelve Marshall scholarships (to be known as Marshall scholarships) tenable at universities or university colleges in the United Kingdom by citizens of the United States of America who are graduates of recognised institutions of higher learning in the United States of America, the Secretary of State may make, out of moneys provided by Parliament, grants to the commission established by this Act to defray the expenditure of the commission incurred for the said purpose, including administrative expenses incurred in connection therewith.

2.—(1) There shall be a commission, to be known as the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, to give effect to arrangements made by or with the approval of the Secretary of State—

(a) for administering the grants provided under the foregoing section,

(b) for the selection of the persons to receive Marshall scholarships, and

(c) for the placing of the holders of Marshall scholarships in universities or university colleges in the United Kingdom,

and to discharge such other functions in connection with Marshall scholarships as may be conferred on them by such arrangements.

(2) The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") shall consist of not less than seven nor more than ten members appointed by the Secretary of State, of whom not less than two shall be chosen as persons of eminence in academic matters, and such one of the members as the Secretary of State may designate shall be chairman of the Commission.

(3) The quorum of the Commission shall be four.

(4) Subject to the provisions of the last foregoing subsection, the Commission shall have power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number.

(5) The terms of office of members of the Commission shall be such as may be determined by the Secretary of State, and a member of the Commission on vacating office shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(6) The Commission shall, as soon as possible after the thirtieth day of September in each year, make to the Secretary of State a report on the discharge by them of their functions during the period of twelve months ending with that day, and the Secretary of State shall lay a copy of every report of the Commission under this section before each House of Parliament.

(7) As respects each financial year the Commission shall prepare accounts of their expenditure in such form as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury direct, and shall submit the accounts to the Secretary of State at such time as he may direct; and—

(a) the Secretary of State shall, on or before the thirtieth day of November in any year, transmit to the Comptroller and Auditor General the accounts prepared by the Commission under this section for the financial year last ended;

(b) the Comptroller and Auditor General shall examine and certify the accounts of the Commission transmitted to him under this section and lay before Parliament copies of the accounts, together with his report thereon.

3. This Act may be cited as the Marshall Aid Commemoration Short title. Act, 1953.

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Proposed Arrangements for the Administration of the Marshall Scholarship Scheme

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PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

1. In answer to a question in the House of Commons on the 31st July, 1952, as to what action Her Majesty's Government would take to demonstrate their gratitude to the United States Government and people for the European Recovery Programme, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs made the following announcement:—

“ Her Majesty's Government have decided to give effect to the proposal of the late Government to express the United Kingdom's gratitude for this generous and far-sighted Programme for European Recovery by founding at British universities twelve scholarships to be competed for annually by United States students. These scholarships will be open to men and women and will be tenable at any British university. General Marshall has agreed that these scholarships shall be known as “ Marshall Scholarships.” The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom has promised its full co-operation in giving effect to this scheme.”

2. To carry out this decision it is proposed to create a Commission in the United Kingdom, to administer the monies which Parliament will be asked to vote, to approve the selection of the scholars, and, through an Executive Secretary, to assist in their placing in British universities, and to supervise their general welfare. In the United States, Her Majesty's Ambassador, assisted by an Advisory Council, will make to the Commission nominations for the awards, on the basis of the recommendations of four Regional Committees, who will make selections of candidates for three scholarships each from broadly equal geographical areas. This framework is discussed in greater detail below, the administrative regulations being shown in the schedule hereto. In the selection of Marshall scholars, regard will be had both to academic qualifications and to qualities of character and leadership.

Organisation—United Kingdom

Grant-in-Aid

3. The funds necessary to finance the Marshall Scholarship scheme will be provided by a Grant-in-Aid carried on a vote under the administration of the Foreign Office. Parliament will be asked to enact legislation approving the provision of the necessary monies annually.

Commissioners

4.—(i) The Commission to be set up to administer the Grant-in-Aid will be called the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission.

(ii) The members of the Commission will be British subjects and will be nominated by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. They will comprise seven persons of whom at least two will be persons of standing in the academic world and of whom four will constitute a quorum.

(iii) No officials will be members of the Commission, but meetings of the Commissioners will be attended by representatives of such Departments as the Secretary of State shall decide, including the Foreign Office and the Treasury, sitting as observers.

(iv) The Chairman of the Commission will be designated by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

5. Commissioners will be appointed for such period as the Secretary of State may determine or until such time as they express a desire to be relieved of their duties. They will be eligible for re-appointment.

Executive Secretary

6. The day-to-day administration of Marshall Scholarships will be looked after by an Executive Secretary, who will be appointed by the Commission, on the recommendation of the Foreign Secretary, and on such financial terms as may be agreed.

Organisation—United States of America

Advisory Council

7. Her Majesty's Ambassador for the United Kingdom in Washington will be assisted in the selection of Marshall Scholars by an Advisory Council of distinguished persons, serving by invitation of Her Majesty's Ambassador on behalf of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Her Majesty's Ambassador will preside, *ex officio*, over this Council.

As soon as is convenient after the creation of the Advisory Council its members will meet to assist the Ambassador in choosing the members of the Regional Committees. Thereafter they will meet once annually, in December, to consider the short lists of nominees submitted by the four Regional Committees and therefrom to make a selection of those to whom Marshall Scholarships should be awarded for the following year. At that annual meeting they will take note of the Annual Report for the preceding year.

Regional Committees

8. The United States will be divided into four regions comprising the following States:—

Eastern Region

Maine	New York
New Hampshire	Pennsylvania
Vermont	Delaware
Massachusetts	New Jersey
Rhode Island	Maryland
Connecticut	West Virginia

and The District of Columbia.

Southern Region

Virginia	Mississippi
North Carolina	Louisiana
South Carolina	Texas
Georgia	Oklahoma
Florida	Arkansas
Tennessee	Kentucky
Alabama	

Middle West Region

Michigan	South Dakota
Wisconsin	Nebraska
Illinois	Iowa
Indiana	Missouri
Ohio	Kansas
North Dakota	Minnesota

Pacific Region

California
Nevada
Utah
Arizona
Colorado
New Mexico

Washington
Oregon
Idaho
Montana
Wyoming.

9. The centres of the four regions will be:—

Eastern Region	...	...	...	New York
Southern Region	...	...	...	New Orleans
Middle West Region	...	...	...	Chicago
Pacific Region	...	...	...	San Francisco.

10. At each of these four centres five persons will be invited by Her Majesty's Ambassador to serve as a Committee for the purpose of selecting Marshall Scholars. Each Committee will include Her Majesty's Consul-General at the centre concerned, *ex officio*, and all the members, except Her Majesty's Consul-General, will be United States citizens.

Term of Service of Regional Committee Members

11. Committee members will serve for four years, except that when the Committees are first constituted, two members will be appointed for six years. Committee members will be eligible for re-appointment after an interval of not less than four years.

12. Her Majesty's Consul-General at the centre concerned will, *ex officio*, be responsible for calling the meetings of the Regional Committee, for furnishing necessary documentation to its members, and for providing the channel of communication between the Committee and Her Majesty's Ambassador. The Chairman of the Committee will be chosen from among the four American members as they may decide.

Timetable

13. On the 1st October in any given year applications will close for scholarships for the following academic year. During November Regional Committees will meet and select six candidates from each Region. The six names from each Region will be forwarded to Her Majesty's Ambassador in Washington. In December the Advisory Council will meet and make a final selection of three candidates from each Region. The three remaining names from each Region will be treated as reserves in case one or more of the selected candidates is unable to take up the appointment. The six names from each Region will be forwarded by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Commission with any comments he may wish to make. In January the Commission will meet to give approval to the nominations received from the United States. Between January and March the Executive Secretary will place the chosen candidates in British universities and the Commission will meet in early April to approve these placings. Successful candidates will be notified before the public announcement of awards at the end of April, and the scholars selected will arrive in the United Kingdom at the end of September or beginning of October.

Number of Scholarships

14. Twelve scholarships will be offered each year. Not more than three will be awarded annually in each region.

Value of Scholarships

15. The value of a Marshall Scholarship will be £550 per annum, but the Commission will have authority to increase individual scholarships up to a maximum of £600 per annum, to take account of local variations in the cost of living. A married man's scholarship will be increased by £200 per annum. The scholarships will not be subject to United Kingdom income tax.

Tenure of Scholarships

16. Marshall Scholarships will be tenable for two years in the first instance, but may be extended for a third year at the discretion of the Commission.

Age Limits

17. No lower age limit is to be set for applicants for Marshall Scholarships, since the academic qualifications demanded will ensure that recipients will be of university standing. The upper age limit will be 28 years of age on the 1st October of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

Finance

18. It is intended to receive the first Marshall Scholars for the academic year 1954-55. Full financial provision will thus have to be made during the year from the 1st April, 1954, to the 31st of March, 1955. Expenditure will, however, be incurred prior to this, in the preparation of application forms, &c., and in the process of selection in the United States. The maximum annual expenditure will not be reached until the first Marshall Scholars are on their way back to the United States, and the cost of their return passages is incurred. Thus expenditure will be spread out at an increasing rate over five financial years from 1953-54 to 1957-58, after which it will remain approximately constant. In order to estimate the maximum likely annual rate of expenditure it must be assumed that the commitment will be for twelve Marshall Scholars, each remaining for three years, and each with a family, which may be taken to include one child. On this basis the maximum annual expenditure is estimated to be of the order of £37,000 in the United Kingdom and \$10,500 in the United States. A small additional sum will also have to be allowed to cover unforeseen or emergency expenditure.

Foreign Office,

May 12, 1953.

SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Duties of the Commissioners

1. The duties of the Commissioners will be as follows:—
 - (i) The Commissioners shall meet not less than three times yearly; in January, to give approval to the nominations received from the United States; in April, to approve the placing of scholars in their respective universities; and in October, to approve the accounts, the annual report, and the estimates for the coming financial year.
 - (ii) The Commissioners shall, on the recommendation of the Foreign Secretary, appoint an Executive Secretary, who shall be responsible to them. The Foreign Secretary shall designate a person, on such terms as he shall deem fit, to act as Executive Secretary until such time as the Commission shall have reviewed and confirmed the formal appointment of the first Executive Secretary.

- (iii) The Commissioners shall approve the annual accounts and shall submit them to the Foreign Secretary, who shall transmit them to the Comptroller and Auditor-General who shall examine and certify them, and shall lay copies thereof, together with his report thereon, before Parliament.
- (iv) The Commissioners shall submit an Annual Report, drafted by the Executive Secretary, to the Foreign Secretary who shall lay copies thereof before Parliament.

Duties of the Executive Secretary

2. The duties of the Executive Secretary will be as follows:—

- (i) The preparation, printing, and despatch to Her Majesty's Embassy, Washington, of regulations, application forms, &c.
- (ii) On being notified by the Commission of the names of the scholars selected, the Executive Secretary shall approach the British universities for their placing.
- (iii) The Executive Secretary shall notify the Commission on successfully concluding the placing of scholars.
- (iv) The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the payment of scholastic fees of, and stipends to, scholars.
- (v) The Executive Secretary shall prepare annually in such form and manner as the Treasury may direct a statement of account of the monies voted by Parliament.
- (vi) The Executive Secretary shall prepare annually a Report on all aspects of his work in connexion with Marshall Scholarships.
- (vii) The Executive Secretary may be provided with clerical assistance if necessary, the expenses being met by the the Commission from the funds allocated to them.
- (viii) The Executive Secretary shall attend meetings of the Commission, as its Secretary.
- (ix) The Executive Secretary shall be given authority to convene extraordinary meetings of the Commission, should the occasion arise.

Duties of Advisory Council

3. As soon as is convenient after the creation of the Advisory Council its members shall meet to assist the Ambassador in choosing the members of the Regional Committees. Thereafter they would meet once annually, in December, to consider the short lists of nominees submitted by the four Regional Committees and therefrom to make a selection of those to whom Marshall Scholarships should be awarded for the following year. At that annual meeting they shall take note of the Annual Report for the preceding year. Such secretarial assistance as the Advisory Council might need shall be provided by Her Majesty's Embassy in Washington.

Duties of Regional Committees

4. Regional Committees shall meet twice annually in November. In early November they should reduce the postal applications for their region to a short list of about twenty candidates. Later in November they should meet again to interview those on the short list and select therefrom three candidates and three reserves, whose names would be forwarded to Her Majesty's Ambassador in Washington for consideration with his Advisory Council. Her Majesty's Consuls-General at the four Regional centres may, if necessary, call additional meetings of the Regional Committees. Such secretarial assistance as the Regional Committees might need shall be provided by Her Majesty's Consul-General at the Regional centre concerned.

Selection of Candidates

5. In appointing Marshall scholars the selectors will look for distinction of intellect and character as evidenced both by their scholastic attainment and by their other activities and achievements. Preference will be given to candidates who combine high academic ability with the capacity to play an active part in the life of the United Kingdom university to which they go. A Marshall scholar, as the possessor of a keen intellect and a broad outlook, would be thought of as a person who would contribute to the aims which General Marshall had in mind when, speaking at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the 5th of June, 1947, of economic assistance for Europe, he said "An essential part of any successful action on the part of the United States is an understanding on the part of the people of America of the character of the problem and the remedies to be applied. Political passion and prejudice should have no part. With foresight, and a willingness on the part of our people to face up to the vast responsibilities which history has clearly placed upon our country, the difficulties can, and will, be overcome."

Citizenship

6. Marshall Scholarships shall be open to United States citizens of both sexes.

Number of Scholarships

7. Twelve scholarships shall be offered each year. Not more than three shall be awarded annually in each Region. Where the Regional Committees are not satisfied by the qualifications of the candidates, they may recommend the award of less than three scholarships in their Region, but no scholarship shall be transferred from one Region to another.

Value of Scholarships

8. The value of a Marshall Scholarship shall be £550 per annum but the Commission shall have authority to increase individual scholarships up to a maximum of £600, to take account of local variations in the cost of living. A married man's scholarship shall be increased by £200 per annum. Marshall Scholarships will not be subject to United Kingdom Income Tax.

Tenure of Scholarships

9. Marshall Scholars shall, unless they obtain specific exemption from the Commission, enter into residence in the United Kingdom university in October of the year in which they are selected. Marshall Scholarships shall be tenable for two years, but may be extended for a third year at the discretion of the Commission. Dismissal from a university shall result in immediate termination of the Scholarship.

Age Limits and Qualifications

10. No lower age limit is to be set for applicants for Marshall Scholarships, but applicants shall, by the time of taking up residence in a British university, have obtained from some degree-granting university or college in the United States of America accredited by the appropriate United States Regional Board a first degree requiring three years' study. The upper age limit shall be 28 years of age on the 1st October of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

Marriage

11. Married persons shall be eligible for Marshall Scholarships, but preference will tend to be shown to single persons. A man receiving or holding a Marshall Scholarship who is married shall have his scholarship increased by £200 per annum.

12. Applicants will be required to state their marital status at the time of application and to notify any change in this immediately to Her Majesty's Consul-General at the Regional centre to which they have applied. Marshall Scholars once in the United Kingdom will be required to notify any change in their marital status immediately to the Executive Secretary.

13. A woman scholar who marries after the award of a scholarship shall automatically have her scholarship terminated, but may be reinstated by the Commission at their discretion and on such terms as they think fit.

14. Should one Marshall Scholar marry another and both retain their scholarships, the man's scholarship will not be augmented by £200.

Passages

15. Coach class train in the United States of America, and third class train in the United Kingdom, and tourist class sea passages for Marshall Scholars and, in the case of married scholars, their families from their places of residence in the United States to their universities in the United Kingdom will be paid and, subject to satisfactory study in the United Kingdom, similar return passages and train fares will be paid, provided travel is completed within the United Kingdom financial year in which the scholarship ceases. The scholars are not, of course, debarred from travelling by air or by car on the way to take up the scholarships, on the understanding that the amount of money paid from the Marshall Scholarship scheme funds will be the cost of the journey actually incurred up to a maximum equivalent to the cost of the passages described in the previous sentence.

16. If a Marshall Scholar is dismissed from his or her university the Commission shall make available a passage to the United States by the cheapest convenient means. The Commission shall have no further obligation towards the dismissed Scholar, and the value of the passage will not be available in any other form.

17. The Executive Secretary will, if requested, book passages to the United Kingdom. Alternatively, Marshall Scholars wishing to make their own trans-Atlantic travel arrangements may do so, and, provided they arrive in time for the beginning of their academic studies, will be paid in sterling, after arrival in the United Kingdom, the cost of their passages up to the maximum otherwise payable by the Executive Secretary.

Applications

18. Candidates shall provide six copies of their form of application, which must reach Regional centres by the 30th of September of the year preceding the year in which the award is made.

19. Candidates may apply either for the Region in which they have their ordinary private domicile, home, or residence, or for any Region in which they may have received at least two years of college training. Any candidate making application in more than one Region will automatically be disqualified.

Other Scholarships

20. Candidates shall at the time of application state whether they have applied, or whether they intend to apply, for any similar scholarship tenable in the United Kingdom. Marshall Scholarships will not normally be awarded to anyone holding any such scholarship, and they may be withdrawn or reduced at the discretion of the Commission if the holder subsequently accepts such a scholarship. No abatement will normally be made in respect of small college grants or prizes.

Reports

21. Directors of Study at the United Kingdom universities will be asked to make reports annually to the Commission on the conduct and academic progress of Marshall Scholars.

Payment of Stipends

22. The Executive Secretary will pay the academic fees, and, in the case of resident students who incur fixed board charges, the board, of Marshall Scholars, direct to the colleges. At the beginning of each academic term he shall pay direct to the Scholars one-quarter of the estimated annual remainder after fees and, when appropriate, board charges have been deducted from the total value of the Scholarship; at the beginning of the summer vacation he shall pay to the Scholars direct the balance remaining.

Amendment of Regulations

23. The Commission may, with the approval of the Foreign Secretary, make such alterations in the Administrative Regulations as they deem necessary. They may make and publish annually rules governing the competition for Marshall Scholarships, provided that such rules do not conflict with these Administrative Regulations.