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KAGAWALAN NG AKADESIKONG KULTURAL  
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)  
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
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1978 STATE SCHOLARSHIP TEST  
AND NI STUDY GRANT TEST

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units  
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities  
Schools Superintendents

1. The schedule and other details for the State Scholarship Test and the National Integration Study Grant Test for the selection of state scholars and national integration study grantees for the school year 1978-1979 are hereby announced as follows:

- Publicity period . . . . . August 1 -  
September 9, 1977
- Start of screening and selection  
of qualified applicants by  
local high school commit-  
tees . . . . . September 12, 1977
- Deadline for submission of the  
list of screened candidates  
by high school committees  
to the Division Screening  
Committees . . . . . September 30, 1977
- Submission of consolidated  
reports duly certified by  
the Superintendent to the  
National Scholarship Center,  
copy furnished the Regional  
Office . . . . . October 28, 1977

Administration of:

- a. STATE SCHOLARSHIP TEST . . . January 21, 1978
- b. NATIONAL INTEGRATION STUDY GRANT TEST . . . . . January 22, 1978

2. An applicant for any of the two scholarship tests must meet the following qualifications:

For the State Scholarship Test:

- a. He must belong to the first ten of the graduating class in which he is regularly enrolled as a fourth year student at the time the scholarship test is given;
- b. He shall be considered "poor" which means that an annual gross income derived from business, occupation, or exercise of a profession and/or from ownership of real property of his parents or guardian, as the case may be, does not exceed P12,000 per annum;
- c. He be in good health, of excellent moral character, and unquestionable integrity; and
- d. He must be natural-born citizen of the Philippines, not more than 21 years of age at the time of his selection.

For the National Integration Study Grant Test:

- a. He must be a bona fide member of the national cultural communities;
- b. His parents'/guardians' annual gross income does not exceed P12,000;
- c. He must be graduating from high school or has already graduated but with no college units earned. He should belong to the upper 25% of the graduating class, students from non-cultural communities excluded;

- d. He must be physically fit and of good moral character;
- e. He must not be over 21 years of age at the time of his enrollment in a baccalaureate course.

Beginning September of this year, application forms for the two scholarship tests may be secured from the Provincial/City Superintendent of Schools. These forms will be sent by the National Scholarship Center to the various school divisions.

3. The composition of the screening committees are as follows:

Local High School Screening Committee

- Chairman - Principal or Director of the school
- Members - Teacher advisor, fourth year class  
- Teacher advisor, third year class  
- School guidance counselor

Provincial/City Screening Committee

- Chairman - Provincial/City Schools Superintendent
- Co-chairmen - Vocational Schools Superintendent  
President(s) of State Colleges/  
Universities
- Members - Provincial Governor/City Mayor or  
his authorized representative
- Provincial/City Treasurer or his  
authorized representative
- President of Provincial/City  
Federation of the PTA

4. In processing applications, the Committees shall strictly consider the following documents:

- a. Certification by the high school principal that the applicant belongs to the top ten of the graduating class (for the State Scholarship Test); or to the top 25% of the graduating class excluding non-members of cultural communities (for the National Integration Study Grant Test);
- b. A certified true copy of the BIR income tax returns filed by the parents or legal guardian for the year immediately preceding the filing of application. Failure to comply with this requirement will be a ground for disqualification;
- c. For the National Integration Study Grant Test, a certification of tribe membership from the Local Civil Registrar, Barangay Captain, or by the Principal of the high school where the applicant is to graduate/ or had graduated;
- d. Health certificate preferably from a government physician;
- e. Police clearance signed by the Mayor or Chief of Police and certification of good moral character issued by either the Barangay Captain or the Municipal Mayor.

One copy each of the above-mentioned supporting documents must be attached to the duly accomplished application form and submitted to the National Scholarship Center through the examiner during the administration of the State Scholarship and National Integration Study Grant Tests.

5. In order to determine the number of qualified examinees in the 1978 NST and NISGT examinations, an accurate list of applicants shall be submitted, following the attached sample forms, direct to the National Scholarship Center, copy furnished the Regional Office, not later than October 26, 1977.

6. To forestall any future complaint, it is requested that Screening Committees strictly follow the guidelines on the qualifications of applicants with particular emphasis on the economic status of parents of applicants.

2. It is further requested that this announcement be circularized during the publicity period with the help of all District supervisors and principals and other information agencies to insure that this information will reach all secondary schools.

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Secretary of Education and Culture

Incls.:  
as stated

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