

SEPTEMBER 11, 1959

DR. FREDERICK M. RAUBINGER  
*Commissioner of Education*  
175 West State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey

## MEMORANDUM OPINION 1959—P-20

DEAR DR. RAUBINGER:

You have sought my opinion on two questions raised by the State Competitive Scholarship Act, L. 1959, c. 46, as amended by L. 1959, c. 150.

You ask first as to the eligibility for State competitive scholarships of high school graduates of June, 1959, who enroll as freshmen in institutions of collegiate grade in September, 1959. I hereby advise you that pursuant to sec. 7(b) such individuals are eligible for State competitive scholarships because of their graduation from high school within a period not greater than one year from the date of the application. Awards of scholarships may be made during the college year commencing September, 1959 and terminating June, 1960.

Your second inquiry is as to the maximum scholarship award which may be made to any individual subsequent to the commencement of the college year in September, 1959. My understanding is that the State Scholarship Commission may hold its competitive examination and otherwise determine the selection of recipients of State competitive scholarships during October and November, 1959. I hereby advise you that graduates of high school in June, 1959 may be awarded State competitive scholarships in the full amount of \$400 per year, or the amount charged for tuition for a regular academic year, whichever is the smaller amount, at any time during the college year (L. 1959, c. 46, sec. 8). There is no statutory requirement that the scholarship award be prorated, upon its award subsequent to the matriculation of the student in an institution of collegiate grade. The legislative intention is to reimburse eligible New Jersey residents attending collegiate institutions for their tuition expenses up to \$400 per year.

Very truly yours,

DAVID D. FURMAN  
*Attorney General*