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## **GDL and Bar Course Scholarships Notes on Scholarship References**

Individuals applying for a scholarship from The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn are required to provide two references. If available, at least one reference must be academic.

Referees:

- must have known the candidate for at least twelve months.
- must have known the candidate in an academic or professional capacity.
- must not have a close family or personal relationship with the candidate.
- should ideally be a professional person or person of standing in the community, currently working in one of the following roles:

Accountant	Magistrate	Pharmacist	Senior Police Officer
Barrister	Member of Parliament	Professor	Solicitor
Dentist	Officer of the British Armed Forces	Secondary School Teacher	University Lecturer
Doctor (Medical)		Senior Nurse	
Judge			

A reference from one of the above individuals is preferred, but this is a guideline rather than an exhaustive list. We will accept references from individuals outside these professions, however applicants should exercise careful judgement as to whether an individual is in a suitable profession.

Scholarship references must be completed using the Gray's Inn Online Scholarship Application system.

A unique link will be emailed directly to referees. Referees must provide the applicant with a professional email address for this purpose. If use of a professional email address is not possible please contact the scholarships team at the address below.

When completing a scholarship reference please ensure the following information is correct:

- Title and full name
- Job title and organisation name

- The number of years you have known the applicant
- A description of how you know the applicant

We advise that referees express an opinion as to the candidate's performance and/or potential in relation to the general merit factors applied to scholarship applications:

**Academic ability** - The ability to succeed as a barrister as demonstrated by performance in school and university examinations, interviews and other experiences in an academic setting

**Advocacy** - Can develop well structured, succinct, grammatically correct, and persuasively written argument. As a public speaker can communicate clearly, concisely and persuasively

**Drive and determination** - Possesses drive, determination and a strong work ethic to overcome adversity or achieve goals, whilst remaining calm when under pressure

**Problem solving** – The ability to apply lateral and original thinking to solve problems and work with complex information to extract key information and facts to develop an argument

**Motivation to succeed** - Demonstrates a clear interest in the Bar and has ambition to become a barrister. Has taken steps to gain an understanding of the profession

Should you have any queries, please contact the Scholarships team:

[scholarships@graysinn.org.uk](mailto:scholarships@graysinn.org.uk)

020 7458 7900

Many thanks for your assistance.