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## **Pupillage Scholarships Notes on Scholarship References**

Individuals applying for a scholarship from The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn are required to provide two references.

The first referee should be the candidate's pupil supervisor.

The preference of the Inn's Scholarship Committee is that the second referee meet the following four conditions:

- have known the candidate for at least twelve months.
- have known the candidate in an academic or professional capacity.
- do 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 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** - Demonstrates the strong academic foundation necessary to succeed as a barrister.

**Advocacy** - Can develop well structured, succinct, grammatically correct, and persuasively written argument. As an oral advocate, can communicate clearly, concisely and persuasively.

**Problem solving** - Possesses the professional judgement and problem-solving ability to excel as a Junior Tenant.

**Working with others** - Possesses the self-awareness and client care to excel as a Junior Tenant.

**Motivation to succeed** - Demonstrates a clear motivation and determination to succeed in their career.

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.