



## **Scholarships: Application and awarding policy**

The Gray's Inn Scholarships Committee is committed to providing a programme which adheres to principles of fairness, reliability, validity, objectivity and transparency.

This guidance is intended to provide scholarship candidates with an overview of policies relating to the application and awarding process.

All scholarship candidates are required to read this information before applying.

### **Application**

#### Plagiarism

Any candidate who presents ideas or work from another source as their own, including that which has been generated through the use of artificial intelligence, will be disqualified and reported to the [Bar Standards Board](#).

#### Inn membership

Bar Course, GDL and Residential Scholarship candidates are not required to be a Member of the Inn to be considered for a scholarship.

Inn membership is required to apply for all other Inn scholarships.

Inn membership is an eligibility requirement and does not impact any scholarship assessment.

#### Applying to multiple Inns

Candidates can only submit a GDL or Bar Course Scholarship application to one Inn in a given application cycle. Application information is shared between all Inns and any candidate found to have applied to more than one Inn will be disqualified.

Candidates who have previously applied for a scholarship with another Inn are eligible to apply for a scholarship at a different Inn in a future application cycle, if the candidate has not accepted a scholarship or joined another Inn.

#### References

GDL, Bar Course and Pupillage Scholarship candidates can request two supporting references.

GDL and Bar Course Scholarship candidates who do not receive at least one supporting reference will be disqualified. Pupillage Scholarship candidates who do not receive two supporting references will be disqualified.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that a referee is aware of the relevant assessment criteria and has submitted a reference before the deadline.

A full reference policy is available on request.

### Interview

Candidates can request a change to their allotted interview time and/or date. This will be accommodated where possible, but only within the designated interview period. Bar Course, GDL, Internship and Senior Scholarship interviews will be held in person at the Inn.

Online interviews can be accommodated in certain circumstances. Candidates intending to request an online interview are advised to do so at the earliest opportunity.

### Reapplication

Candidates can reapply for a scholarship if they are unsuccessful on any occasion. The outcome of a previous application will not be a consideration for any future assessment.

Reapplying candidates may be assessed by panel members who were involved in a previous assessment. However, candidates can be assured that any future application will be considered on its own merits, in accordance with the published guide to application assessment, selection for interview and scoring. Data from a previous application will not be taken into account.

### Feedback

Unsuccessful candidates at both assessment stages will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their application.

## **Award**

### Publication

If you are awarded a GDL or Bar Course Scholarship your name and scholarship will be published together by the Inn and The Times.

### Accepting a scholarship

Four prerequisites must be met before a GDL or Bar Course Scholarship award can be processed

1. Become a Member of the Inn
2. Sign an undertaking to diligently attempt to
  - qualify to practise at the Bar of England and Wales
  - practise at that Bar thereafter
  - commit to supporting the professional development of future Inn members.

3. Confirm acceptance on to an eligible course
4. Provide bank details

Scholars will be provided with further information about this process once an award has been confirmed.

### Deferral

GDL, Bar Course and Internship scholars can request a deferral of their scholarship. The individual circumstances of each request will be considered on its own merits.

The following requests will be considered favourably

- the scholar is unable to undertake an eligible course due to financial circumstances.
- the scholar is unable to undertake an eligible course because of unavoidable personal circumstances which would impact their ability to study.
- the scholar has elected to complete an alternative course or work placement that would enhance their prospects of securing a pupillage offer.

All deferral requests are conditional on commencement of an eligible course within the subsequent application cycle.

Deferral requests will not be considered for a Residential Scholarship in any circumstances.

A full deferral policy is available on request.