

THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF GRAY'S INN



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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:

- i. must have known the candidate for at least twelve months.
- ii. must have known the candidate in an academic or professional capacity.
- iii. must not have a close family or personal relationship with the candidate.
- iv. 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 - The ability to succeed as a barrister demonstrated by performance in school and university examinations, the interview and other experiences in an academic setting.

Problem solving – Has demonstrated 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.

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

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

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

Many thanks for your assistance.