



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF  
**THE INNER TEMPLE**

Dear Referee,

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference in support of a scholarship application to the Inner Temple.

Please note the following points:

- References should be submitted online, via the unique link sent to you by the applicant
- References should be signed, on headed paper and submitted in unsecured PDF format
- Please state in what capacity you have known the applicant and for how long (NB members of family cannot provide references)
- Once you have submitted the reference, the applicant will be automatically notified by email
- Please note that the reference you supply will not be visible to the applicant and will be treated as confidential
- **Please note that you need to upload your reference by the 20 November 2020.**
- If you have any issues uploading your reference, please contact us as soon as possible

We would also like to draw your attention to the following points on which scholarship applicants will be assessed.

- **Intellectual ability** – The ability to analyse complex information, identify material issues, exercise sound judgment, perceptiveness and good memory. (Academic achievement is generally good evidence supporting intellectual ability, but this may be demonstrated by other achievements).
- **Motivation** – A very high level of drive and determination and a commitment to a career at the Bar.
- **Interpersonal skills** – The ability to get on and work with a wide range of people, good communication (listening as well as speaking), empathy for others, and diplomacy / tact.
- **Character** – Calmness under fire, the ability to work hard for long hours and against deadlines, sound personal values and integrity.
- **Advocacy potential** – Fluent and articulate delivery, persuasiveness, confidence and the ability to tailor style to the audience.

Exhibition applications are also considered in the light of: -

- **Capital / debt** – existing and prospective
- **Income** – existing and prospective, from all sources including any other likely award or provision e.g. from a public body, prospective pupillage chambers, charity or parents.
- **Personal expenditure** – existing and prospective, including fees.
- **Exceptional considerations** – for example dependants or special liabilities.

The Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarships and Benefactors' prizes share the same criteria as the scholarships - however, need is taken into consideration in appropriate cases.

In exceptional circumstances, we will accept an emailed or hard copy of the reference. Please contact us to discuss this.

If you have any problems submitting your reference, or have any queries, please contact  
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