

Please read this guide before beginning the application form.

You can access the application form [here](#).

You can look through all the questions on the form before you submit your application, and we would highly recommend that you do. While completing the form, you can navigate through the pages and go back if you need to. **Please note, you cannot save your progress** so please ensure you have a stable internet connection and time to fill out the whole form. There are character limits for some of the longer answers, so please be aware of that before you start.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

- You have an offer to study law (known as the LLB) at one of the eleven universities accredited by the Law Society of Scotland starting in 2026.
- Without financial support you would struggle to access and participate in higher education (university).
- You are currently studying at school or college, or have left school or college within the last two years (but not currently attending university).
- You have not already completed a university degree.
- You are currently living in Scotland.

Personal Details

- Your personal information
 - Including a contact email address you check regularly.

Additional Information

This section will ask you to select relevant statements about your financial and personal circumstances. Please answer this section as accurately as possible.

It might be useful to have a look at the statements ahead of completing the application, as you may be unsure, and it is important that you share as much with us as you can. You will also need to know if you are a Young Student or Independent Student.

We prioritise students who face financial barriers to accessing and participating in university, and who are from groups that have been historically under-represented in Higher Education and the Legal Profession.

If you are unable to answer any of the questions in this section, please get in touch.

Education

- Name and address of your most recent school/college
 - Plus any previous schools/colleges you attended
- Your current school/college subjects **and your predicted grades**
 - Only if you are currently attending school or college
- Your achieved qualifications
 - Including the dates achieved, grades and level.

University Choices

You will need to input your Firm UCAS choice, and Insurance choice if you have one.

If you have not yet made your decision on UCAS, you can still apply for the scholarship – just put in the university programme you are most likely to choose as your firm choice.

If your firm choice is conditional, you will also need to provide the conditions.

About You

The About You section has 3 questions that require longer responses. It might be helpful to think about these or write your answers to these before starting the form. You could perhaps write them in a document then copy and paste them into the form. The questions and the character limits are as follows:

1. The Lawscot Foundation programme contains three main elements: the bursary, mentoring, and events to help develop the skills you might need to be a great solicitor. Please let us know **how you feel you will benefit from each of these three elements**. *Maximum 3000 characters.*
2. Please let us know about any additional activities, achievements or responsibilities and **how these demonstrate your commitment to learning and motivation to achieve your career goals**. This might include part-time work, work experience, extra-curricular activities, caring roles, positions of responsibility, other awards or scholarships. *Maximum 3000 characters.*
3. Please detail your career aspirations. This information helps us match you to your mentor if you are a successful applicant. **It will not form part of the selection process**. *Maximum 500 characters.*

Reference

You must provide a referee as part of your application. Your referee will not be required to write an academic reference, but they will need to be a professional person who can verify your circumstances from the Additional Information section. They will not need to share specific details of these circumstances.

Please provide the details of someone who will be able to confirm this information, and they will be sent a direct link to complete this.

A professional person is not related to you, and is a:

- social worker
- teacher
- college lecturer
- careers advisor
- college or university student advisor
- widening participation officer
- lawyer or solicitor
- counsellor
- police officer
- doctor
- nurse

Your referee must be able to answer the following questions about you for your application to be complete. If you are unable to provide a referee who can answer these questions, please get in touch.

These are the questions they will be asked:

- Is the applicant Care experienced? This means they have been, or are currently, in care, such as a formal setting such as looked after at home, adoption or foster care, or an informal setting such as kinship care and living with a relative who is not their mum or dad.
- Is the applicant a refugee/seeking asylum in the UK?
- Is the applicant estranged from their family? This means they no longer have contact with their parents or legal guardians due to a permanent breakdown in their relationship.
- Does the applicant have any caring responsibilities? This means they care, unpaid, for a friend or family member due to illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction.
- Is the applicant in the first generation to go to university? This means their parent or caregiver do not hold a university degree. It does not include siblings who have attended or are attending.
- Are there any other challenging circumstances the applicant has faced that has cause significant disruption to their education?

If you are a Young Student:

- Is the applicant eligible for Free School Meals or was eligible for Free School Meals when they were at school?
- Is the applicant in receipt of Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) or was in receipt of EMA when they were at school?

If you are an Independent Student:

- Is the applicant in receipt of any state benefits?
- Does the applicant have a household income of less than £24,421 OR a household income of less than £26,884 and have dependent children? A dependent child is a child under the age of 16, or between age 16 and 25 and in full time education.

Please ensure you have advised this individual that we will be in touch with them directly.

Terms and Conditions

You can find our terms and conditions **here**. You must confirm that you have read and agree to the terms and conditions before submitting your application.

Criminal Offences

This is for our information and **may** not harm your application depending on the offence.

Equal Opportunities Monitoring

This section is optional. Information shared will only be used for equal opportunities monitoring purposes and will **not** be used in the selection process. Sharing this information helps us to understand the characteristics of those applying.

If you have any questions about the form, or if you require this document in a different format, please contact us at hello@lawscotfoundation.org.uk