

# Application Form

## Great Start 2022/23

### Application deadline:

**Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

**Please return your completed application form including your A Level (or most recent school) transcripts as pdf attachments to [scholarships@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@westminster.ac.uk).**

You can only submit ONE email, including your application and all relevant documents. The email header should include your 8-digit Westminster Reference number and the full name of the scholarship you are applying for. You will not be able to amend your application once we have received it.

### Selection process:

Please remember that scholarships are limited. Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee that you will receive an award.

All eligible applications will be considered by an awarding panel. The panel members understand that applicants will have a broad range of differing skills, attributes and experiences, so they will give equal consideration to the applicant's academic record, personal circumstances and their answers to the questions posed in the application form.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application 3 weeks after the deadline.

# Thank you for applying

# Undergraduate Great Start Scholarship 2022/23

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The University will be allocating up to 80 Great Start Scholarships in total in 2022/23. The scholarship is provided to support students from low income households with living costs during their studies. The selection is based on financial need and the merit of the application.

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## INFORMATION

The total value of the scholarship is £6,000 which is awarded for a maximum of three years. Students will receive £2000 in each eligible year of study, subject to progression to next year of their course and completion of the yearly career development session. The scholarship is paid into your nominated bank account in January each year or towards your tuition fees paid directly to the University in November each academic year. Students will not receive the yearly allowance if they are on a repeat year or a placement/sandwich year.

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## ELIGIBILITY

Students must fulfil all criteria below:

- Be a Home student for fee purposes and have an offer for a place on a full-time undergraduate course at the University of Westminster starting in September 2022
- Have a household income of less than £25,000 per annum. Applicants must have applied for the maximum student support available from the Student Loans Company (SLC). This includes applying for finance based on your household income (means tested) and given consent to share information with the University in order that their declared household income can be verified.\*
- Show development potential in your supporting statement
- The following categories of students are not eligible:
  - a. students who already have a Bachelor's or Master's degree
  - b. part-time students

We encourage applications from students who meet the following criteria:

- you are a black, Asian or minority ethnic student
- you are a Young Adult Carer, Estranged or Care Leaver

During each year of the scholarship you will be required to complete one career development session, details will be confirmed after enrolment.

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\* For 2022 entry, your income assessment, carried out by the Student Loans Company (SLC), must be finalised by 31 December 2022, with all required evidence submitted to SLC by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. This is so that the University can confirm you are eligible to receive any scholarship you have been provisionally awarded.

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### PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname (Family Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Westminster Reference Number \_\_\_\_\_

*This can be found on your course offer letter and is 8 digits, for example 18234567*

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Course applied for \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been offered a place to study at the University starting September 2022? YES NO

*You need to have a conditional/unconditional offer in place before you can apply for a scholarship*

Have you applied for a Student Maintenance Loan from Student Loans Company? YES NO

*If you are an EU student with Home Fee status you need to be eligible for the maintenance loan from Student Finance England before you can apply for a scholarship.*

Are you a Young Adult Carer, Estranged Student or a Care Leaver?

Please provide a brief supporting statement on headed paper from an independent

person who is aware of your situation (e.g. a doctor, social services, local authority) YES NO

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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Name of school/college	Finish date	Qualifications (i.e. A-level Maths)	Grades predicted/obtained

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

This is the chance to talk about your personal and academic experience up to now, any extra-curricular activities you are involved in and why you are interested in the course. Please explain what makes you a good scholarship candidate. You might mention if you are the first in your family to go to university, are you planning to work whilst studying, are you planning to live at home, halls or private accommodation? You can also provide further information about your financial background and explain the problems you might face paying for your education and living costs. (maximum 300 words).

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

A copy of your transcript from your most recent/current academic study. Please attach provisional grades provided by your school if you do not have final grades yet.

A reference letter in support of your scholarship application. This should be written by a previous tutor, professor, academic or employer (where relevant to your chosen degree course)

## DECLARATION

I confirm that I have read and understood the [Terms and Conditions](#) and agree to abide by them should I be awarded the scholarship. Yes    No

I confirm that I have read the [GDPR](#) (General Data Protection Regulations Declaration) statement and consent to my personal data being held and utilised as detailed in this statement. I also confirm that the information provided and documentary evidence supplied is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Any information contained within this application, later found to be incorrect or untrue may result in the withdrawal of any scholarship or scholarship offer.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_