

Postgraduate Care Leaver and Estranged Student Scholarship 2021/22

Application deadline:

Monday 19st July 2021 at 5pm

Please return your completed application form including any required supporting evidence as pdf attachments to 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. You need to have a conditional/unconditional offer in place before you can apply for a scholarship.

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 within 3 weeks after the deadline.

Thank you for applying

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INFORMATION

The University will be allocating up to 4 scholarships to help support Care Leavers and Estranged students' study at Postgraduate Level. This is a £5000 scholarship towards tuition fees for Home Fee paying Master's students with a minimum 2:1 Honours degree. Students on a 2 year full-time Masters course or a Part time course will receive the scholarship during their first year only. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the University towards your tuition fees in your first semester.

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 or part-time Postgraduate course at the University of Westminster starting in September 2021
- Have a 2:1 honours degree
- Be under the age of 25 at the start of your Postgraduate course
- If you are a Care Leaver you will need confirmation from your Local Authority that you were in their care Under Section 17 or Section 20 of the Children's Act for at least 13 weeks up until the age of 18. This may be either a letter on headed paper from your Local Authority or you may ask your Leaving Care Team worker/ Social Worker. Alternatively, you can provide documents from your previous university proving that you were in receipt of a care leaver award.
- If you are an Estranged student, you need to provide proof that you were assessed as an independent student by way of estrangement by SFE. Alternatively, you can provide documents from your previous university proving that you were in receipt of an award for Estranged students.
- Students who already have a Master's degree are not eligible to apply
- The following categories of students are not eligible:
 - a. Postgraduate Diploma
 - b. Professional courses (eg RIBA pt III, ACCA, CIMA, CiLEX)
 - c. Conversion courses (eg Graduate Diploma in Law)
 - d. Integrated Masters/ MPhil/PhD student

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Application Form

PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name(s) _____

Surname (Family Name) _____

Date of Birth _____

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 2021? YES NO
You need to have a conditional/unconditional offer in place before you can apply for a scholarship

Are you either a Care Leaver, Estranged Student or a Care Leaver? YES NO

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please provide details of your most recent employment history and any previous work experience.

Job title, Employer Name and Address	Dates of Employment	Brief description of roles/responsibilities

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. What are your ambitions and how would you benefit from this scholarship? (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 written specifically 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).

Proof of your Care Leaver or Estranged Student status.

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 _____