

Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship

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1. Introduction

- 1.1** At Law Training Centre we are avid supporters and advocates of social mobility and increased diversity within the legal profession. Our mission is to break down the traditional barriers that often prevent learners from accessing legal education. Our goal is to widen access to careers within law and create a legal market that is diverse, flexible, multi-skilled, and reflective of current market demands.
- 1.2** The Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship has been created to support future legal professionals from all backgrounds, who would have otherwise been unable to study law.
- 1.3** Please ensure you have read and understood these terms and conditions in full before completing and returning your application for the Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship.
- 1.4** The Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship offers Law Training Centre learners the opportunity to have £1,000 of their fees funded by the scholarship for one of the following courses:
- SQE1 Prep Flexi-Learn;
 - SQE1 Prep Exam-Track;
 - SQE2 Prep (Please note, the scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with the alumni concession);
 - SQE1+2 Complete Prep for Law Graduates.
- 1.5** Full access to the agreed SQE Preparation course will be granted to successful applicants (upon receipt of full or initial payment of remaining tuition fee).
- 1.6** Successful applicants will also receive a certificate of achievement upon completion of their course respectively, demonstrating their achievement in being awarded an academic scholarship.
- 1.7** The scholarship award only applies to Law Training Centre's SQE Preparation courses, and therefore excludes SQE exam fees, which will be payable directly to the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) by the learner.
- 1.8** The terms and conditions set out the following:
- The scope of the terms and conditions;
 - The application process;
 - The eligibility criteria;
 - How applications are assessed;
 - The payment of remaining tuition balance;
 - The effect if there are changes to study;
 - The scope of appeals and feedback;
 - The use of personal data.

2. Scope

- 2.1** The terms and conditions apply to individuals who make an application to Law Training Centre for the **Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship**.
- 2.2** The terms and conditions are in addition to Law Training Centre's terms and conditions of service.
- 2.3** Law Training Centre reserves the right to vary, replace or change these terms and conditions at any time.

3. Application process

- 3.1** All applications must be made using Law Training Centre's **Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship** application form.

- 3.2** The application form must be submitted to Law Training Centre using the process and procedure set out on the Law Training Centre website, adhering to the timescales published.

4. Eligibility criteria

- 4.1** The scheme is designed to assist aspiring solicitors who are self-funding, and have the commitment and ability to qualify but whose means to do so are limited by significant personal barriers

- 4.2** Applications are considered based on personal circumstances and financial eligibility as well other factors including but not limited to prior academic and professional dedication and experience

4.3 Personal circumstances

To be eligible to apply for the Access to Law Scholarship you must meet at least one of the following criteria related to your personal circumstances listed below.

- You identify as part of a demographic/group that are under-represented within the legal profession;
- You are from a lower socio-economic background;
- You are employed in legal aid or pro bono work. For example in a legal aid department in a law firm, or in a law centre or citizens advice;
- You are unable or have been previously unable to attend full time education or training due to work commitments, personal difficulties, caring responsibilities or health challenges.

4.4 Financial circumstances:

Applicants will be required to demonstrate that their financial circumstances are such that access to a legal education would not be possible without the assistance from the Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship. Applicants must comply with requests of Law Training Centre to provide documentation to support their financial circumstances in accordance with the deadlines set. Such documentation will include, but is not limited to:

- a. Last 3 months' bank statements at the point of application
- b. Proof of benefits entitlement (if stated)
- c. Loan rejection or acceptances (as applicable)

Failure to provide documentation requested by Law Training Centre or late submission will result in the application being refused.

- 4.5** Applicants must also detail their prior education and work experience, as well as their progression on the SQE pathway at the point of application.

- 4.6** All applications must be supported by a personal statement explaining why we should accept your application for your chosen scholarship. This must include:

- Explanation of how the eligibility criteria on which your application is based on applies to you;
- Your passion and commitment to qualifying as a solicitor through the SQE route;
- How you will implement your studies into your everyday life to achieve the qualification.

- 4.7** If the criteria in 4.3 or 4.4 is satisfied, the application will be reviewed and assessed by Law Training Centre's Scholarships Team based on a range of criteria, including:

- a. Academic achievement evidenced through education to date
- b. Passion and commitment to qualifying as a solicitor with the SQE evidenced through personal statement
- c. Demonstration of ability to pass the SQE evidenced through progress and achievements

5. How applications are assessed

- 5.1** Applications will be assessed once the application window closes.

- 5.2** To be eligible, applicants need only meet one of the criteria set out in point 4.3 or those set out in point 4.4.

- 5.3** If an applicant is eligible, the factors set out in points 4.5-4.7 will then be considered.

- 5.4** All applications are assessed by the Law Training Centre Scholarships Team to consider the overall circumstances and information provided by the applicant, and confirm that the applicant has adequately demonstrated that their access to a legal education would not be possible without the assistance from the Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship.
- 5.5** Eligible applications will then be considered by the Academic Board, who will make a holistic assessment of the applicant's eligibility, as well other factors including but not limited to prior academic and professional dedication and achievement.
- 5.6** The Law Training Centre Scholarships Team and Academic Board reserve the right to exercise discretion with regards to what constitutes adequate demonstration of an applicant's need to access the scholarship.
- 5.7** Applicants will receive the result of their application within 1-month of the application being submitted.
- 5.8** Failure to make initial payment towards the remaining balance of tuition within the time frame required will result in the scholarship offer being withdrawn.

6. Payment of remaining tuition balance

- 6.1** Successful applicants will be required to make an initial payment towards the remaining balance of their tuition within 1-month of the SQE Preparation course start date in order to secure their funding.
- 6.2** Failure to make such initial payment will result in the scholarship offer being withdrawn.
- 6.3** Candidates can select to pay the remaining balance for the course either in full or via interest free instalments (instalments subject to a £79 admin fee).

7. Changes to study

- 7.1** If a successful candidate is awarded a Scholarship but later decides to change course, the SQE Scholarship funding will be withdrawn. This may result in the learner being liable for additional fees.
- 7.2** If a successful candidate is awarded a Scholarship but is then suspended or withdraws from their SQE Preparation course, Scholarship funding will be withdrawn. This may result in the learner being liable for additional fees if a balance remains outstanding.

8. Appeals and Feedback

- 8.1** The decision of Law Training Centre's Scholarships Team on the interpretation of eligibility is final and there is no right of appeal.
- 8.2** If appropriate, applicants may be offered feedback on how their application could be improved for a future application. Any feedback is at the discretion of Law Training Centre.

9. Personal Data

- 9.1** Law Training Centre will use the personal data provided by applicants to:
- Process the application
 - Consider eligibility
 - Provide an outcome to the individual applicant
- 9.2** The use of personal data will be in accordance with Law Training Centre's terms and conditions.
- 9.3** By accepting the Access To Law: SQE Prep Scholarship, applicants agree, during the period of their course access, to share with Law Training Centre information about their learning journey and how the scholarship has supported them. This feedback may be used in marketing materials, testimonials, or promotional content.