

# QS GRANT SCHEME FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY ON THE BAR COURSE

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The Inn heavily subsidises the cost of its educational provision to ensure sessions are accessible and affordable. However, we understand that some students will find themselves under financial pressure and unexpected financial hardship may make it difficult to acquire the correct number of Qualifying Sessions.

To this end, the Inn will provide a flat rate of **£100** for students who meet the requirements – this sum is calculated on the basis that it should allow students to book the minimum number of QS required to gain 10 points (NB this does **not** include the fees for residential advocacy weekends, as these have their own bursary scheme which is opened to students if and when they are allocated a place on a weekend.)

Please note that this sum of £100 will be paid **in one go** once approved and the responsibility remains on the student to ensure they are circumspect in booking and attending Qualifying Sessions. Additional grant funds will not be allocated unless in exceptional circumstances – if you book and cancel a number of sessions at short notice or fail to attend sessions you have booked, the Inn cannot provide more money to cover the shortfall in QS points.

You may apply for the QS Grant Scheme if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

## Eligibility criteria:

- You describe yourself as care experienced

OR

- You were eligible for the maximum maintenance loan via student finance at the time of your undergraduate studies\*.

OR

- You are currently in receipt of income or housing benefits (this must apply to you personally, not a family member)

You will be asked to provide supporting information when making your claim.

Additionally, you must be a **current** Bar Course student - students currently undertaking post-grad study or the GLD are not eligible. Transferring Legal Professionals who need to complete Qualifying Sessions in order to be Called are likewise not eligible.

*\* Further information about the maximum maintenance loan:*

In the 2024/25 academic year the maximum maintenance loan was the following, depending on your circumstances:

- If living with your parents - £8,610
- If living away from your parents, outside London - £10,227

- If living away from your parents, in London - £13,348
- If you are spending a year of a UK course studying abroad - £11,713
- If you're 60 or over on the first day of the first academic year of your course- £4,327

**To apply for the QS Grant Scheme, please fill in the following form:**

<https://innertemple.typeform.com/to/gqiJu3KJ>

## Marshall Hall Trust

Please note that additional financial assistance can be sought, if necessary, via the Marshall Hall Trust. The object of the Trust is to give assistance by way of loan or grant to members of the Inner Temple who are in need. The Trust is intended to cover costs for members who, through no fault of their own, e.g. loss of a parent or financial support being withdrawn, would not otherwise be able to complete the course or their pupillage.

Further information can be found via the Inner Temple Website:

<https://www.innertemple.org.uk/membership-services-support/financial-support-members/marshall-hall/>

## QS Travel Subsidies

There is also a Travel Subsidy available for students studying the Bar Course at an out of London provider. This subsidy is intended to help with the cost of attending in person Qualifying Session and Student Society events in London.

Details on how to apply will be circulated with event booking details each term.

Please note applications should be submitted after your bookings for Qualifying Session events are made.

## Student Society Travel Subsidies

The Student Society Travel Subsidy Scheme is intended to assist students studying the Bar Course outside of London/the South Eastern Circuit with travel costs to events hosted by Inner Temple Student Societies in-person at the Inn. Further information about the travel subsidy and how to apply will be available on the Inner Temple website at the end of summer.

<https://www.innertemple.org.uk/membership-services-support/societies/student-societies/>