



## **Middle Temple Major Scholarships (Bar Professional Training Course 2012/13) Information for Applicants**

### **General**

The Middle Temple interviews every applicant for a scholarship who has obtained a place on the BPTC and satisfies the criteria for applications. Decisions on who receives a scholarship are made on merit as outlined by these criteria:

- a) **Intellectual ability:**  
the ability to conduct legal research and give written advice, as demonstrated by performance in school and university examinations, the interview and, where appropriate, other experience;
- b) **Motivation to succeed at the Bar:**  
knowledge of the profession and the Courts, and steps taken to acquire the personal skills required of a Barrister;
- c) **Potential as an advocate,**  
both in oral and written skills;
- d) **Personal qualities:**  
those required by members of the Bar include self-reliance, independence, integrity, reliability, and the capacity to work effectively with clients, colleagues and chambers staff.

In determining the size of individual awards, interviewing panels take applicants' individual financial circumstances into account. The size of individual awards will not be published. Please note that a scholarship is highly unlikely to cover the full cost of your year attending the BPTC.

Please note that you can only apply to **one** Inn. You do not need to be a member of the Inn at the time of application, but you will need to join before being paid any scholarship which you may be awarded.

Part time students can apply for a scholarship either before the first or before the second year. If an award is made at the start of the part-time course, half of the award will be paid in each year. Full time students have to apply before they begin the course. Applications cannot be made once the full-time course or the second year of the part-time course has begun.

### **The Application**

To make your application, please complete and return the attached form in hard copy **by 4 pm on Friday 4 November 2011**. If you complete the form electronically, please make sure that the overview of "Financial Means" appears on a single page. **Please bring an updated financial overview, using the same template, to the interview.**

Applications by email and fax will be accepted before expiry of that closing date. Applicants will, however, need to submit signed hard copies as soon as practicable and in any case no later than 18 November 2011. Do not attach a CV. If it is necessary for you to use separate sheets to supply additional information, please do not exceed the word limits stated in the form.

## The References

Together with the application form, you will need to provide two references, one of which must be from an academic referee. Neither may be supplied by a member of your close family. If you are having difficulties obtaining an academic reference before the closing date, please contact the Inn.

The application bundle contains two information sheets for you to send to your referees, explaining the criteria which the Inn takes into account when awarding scholarships to prospective students. References should address these criteria as fully as possible. References can be sent in hard copy or by email to [scholarshipreferences@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:scholarshipreferences@middletemple.org.uk).

No award will be paid out unless two references have been received. It is your responsibility to ensure that these are provided.

## The Interview

All candidates who satisfy the application criteria and have been offered either an unconditional or a conditional place on one of the Bar Professional Training Courses will be interviewed during the period of 11-13 April 2012, and **on those dates only**. You will not be entitled to an interview unless you have been offered a place. If you obtain a place subsequent to those interview dates, you may apply to be considered for interview at the time of the CPE/GDL scholarship interviews.

We will send you a note confirming receipt of your application; if you do **not** receive such a note within a month, please contact us. After that, expect to hear from us again in February 2012 when we will ask you to confirm that you wish to proceed with your application. **If we do not receive this confirmation from you, you will not be allocated an interview; if you have not had a request for confirmation by 20 February 2012, please get in touch with Indira Pillay.** In March 2012, we will confirm the date and time of your interview. If you change your address in the meantime, please make sure you let us know. If you have not had an interview date from us by 28 March 2012, please get in touch with Indira Pillay.

### Overview of Relevant Dates

4 pm, Friday 4 November 2011	Closing date for application (including references)
February 2012	Applicants confirm application
By 28 March 2012	Notification of interview date
11-13 April 2012	Interviews
By 4 May 2012	Notification of outcome

### Application form and references to be returned to:

Indira Pillay  
Scholarships Officer  
The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple  
Treasury Office, London  
EC4Y 9AT  
[i.pillay@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:i.pillay@middletemple.org.uk)

**Please keep this document for your information and further reference**



***Application Form for Middle Temple Scholarships for  
The Bar Professional Training Course (2012/13)***

Please write clearly and in **BLACK** ink or type

**Name** (Please also indicate Mr/ Mrs/ Miss/ Ms/ Other)

**Term Time Address** (*This is the address to which you will be written in early 2012*)

Tel:

**Permanent (Home) Address**

Tel:

Email address:

Mobile Telephone:

Are you already a student member of the Middle Temple  Yes  No

If you are, what is your admission number?

*This information is required purely for administrative purposes and has no bearing on the selection process.*

Are you applying for the part-time BPTC?  Yes  No

**SCHOOL** (please name school and city/ town and dates) \*

*G.C.S.E. or 'O' and 'A' level results or equivalent, dates \*, subjects and grades*

**UNIVERSITY** (institution and dates) \*

Subject(s) studied

Degree(s) obtained and date(s) if applicable \*

Include details of examinations to date if you are in your final year:

If applicable, CPE/GDL (University and dates) \*

Result (if known)

**ACHIEVEMENTS, INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES (max 400 words)**

*\*we use this information to assess applicants' progress through academic development. You are not under any obligation to supply dates.*

**ANY OTHER OCCUPATIONS OR TRAINING EXPERIENCE with dates. Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary. (Max 400 words)**

**ANY OTHER OCCUPATIONS OR TRAINING EXPERIENCE** continued.

**MINI-PUPILLAGES, COURT VISITS, MOOTING/DEBATING etc.** (Max 400 words)

**FINANCIAL MEANS (For applicants undertaking the FULL TIME COURSE)**

This section is intended to help the panel assess your finances during the BPTC, i.e. **September 2012 – July 2013** (11 months). The information contained in the form will be treated in strict confidence. Please provide as much information as possible. If there is any relevant information which does not fall into one of the earlier categories, please use the rows marked \*, specifying what it is. It is important that all the information given here is accurate. Verification may be required. **Please note that if this section is not completed fully, your application may not be processed.**

<b>Anticipated Expenses</b>		
	<i>Per Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Course Fee		
Accommodation: Rent or Mortgage Repayments		
Food		
Share of household bills (heating, electricity, telephone)		
Household items/ personal / clothes		
Books/ equipment/ course materials		
Entertainment		
Inn expenses (admission fee, qualifying sessions)		
Travel		
Childcare		
*		
*		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

<b>Anticipated Income</b>		
	<i>Per Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
From work		
Drawing down savings		
Interest from savings/ investments		
Financial or other material contributions from family or any other sources		
*		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

<b>Assets</b>		
Property		
Savings		
Investments		
*		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

<b>Existing Indebtedness</b>		
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Due date</i>
<b>Student Loans</b>		
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*		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**FINANCIAL MEANS (For applicants undertaking the PART TIME COURSE)**

This section is intended to help the panel assess your finances during the BPTC, i.e. **September 2011 –July 2013 or September 2012–July 2014** (23 months). The information contained in the form will be treated in strict confidence. Please provide as much information as possible. If there is any relevant information which does not fall into one of the earlier categories, please use the rows marked \*, specifying what it is. It is important that all the information given here is accurate. Verification may be required. **Please note that if this section is not completed fully, your application may not be processed.**

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	<i>Per Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
Course Fee		
Accommodation: Rent or Mortgage Repayments		
Food		
Share of household bills (heating, electricity, telephone)		
Household items/ personal / clothes		
Books/ equipment/ course materials		
Entertainment		
Inn expenses (admission fee, qualifying sessions)		
Travel		
Childcare		
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*		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

<b>Anticipated Income</b>		
	<i>Per Month</i>	<i>Total</i>
From work		
Drawing down savings		
Interest from savings/ investments		
Financial or other material contributions from family or any other sources		
*		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

<b>Assets</b>		
Property		
Savings		
Investments		
*		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

<b>Existing Indebtedness</b>		
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Due date</i>
<b>Student Loans</b>		
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<b>TOTAL</b>		

In addition to a scholarship,

I wish to apply for the Lord Justice Sachs Entrance Exhibition,  
being a graduate/ undergraduate of Christ Church, Oxford.

Yes  No

I wish to apply for the Baron Dr C Ver Heyden de  
Lancey Entrance Exhibition, being born or resident in Jersey.

Yes  No

I wish to be considered for a place in Middle Temple Lodgings  
in Clapham.

Yes  No

If, having completed this form, you consider that there is something about your existing or anticipated financial position that has been missed, please provide that information here

Is there any other information in support of your application not covered elsewhere on this form?

Is there any other matter which is material to this application or to your eligibility to practise at the Bar of England and Wales? This includes criminal convictions and bankruptcy as well as other matters. If so, please give details. If in doubt, please contact the Deputy Under Treasurer (Education) for guidance.

**For applicants who do not hold a UK or EU passport:**

Do you currently have a visa to live and study in the UK?  Yes  No

When does this visa expire?  
(Please supply a copy.)

Would you have restrictions to work in the UK after completing your studies?  Yes  No

If YES, what type of visa application do you intend to make to enable you to practise at the Bar of England and Wales?

I declare that the above particulars are true in all respects and that it is my intention to undertake pupillage and to practise at the Bar of England and Wales.

Date.....Signature.....

I declare that I have read and understood the document entitled “Middle Temple Major Scholarships (Bar Professional Training Course 2012/13) - Information for Applicants”

Date.....Signature.....

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MONITORING QUESTIONNAIRE

In line with the Inn's Equal Opportunities Policy and Code, the Inn collects the information below so that the effectiveness of the Policy and Code can be assessed. The ethnic origin categories provided are those suggested by the Equality and Human Rights Commission. This information is used for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of and compliance with the Policy and the Code and for research. It may be disclosed to the Bar Council and/ or Bar Standards Board for monitoring and research purposes. There is no obligation to provide this information and failure to provide it will not affect any application. However, information about disability may also be used, where appropriate, to assess the need for the provision of reasonable adjustments for the purposes of addressing such disability.

1. WHAT IS YOUR ETHNIC GROUP?			
Choose one section from (a) to (e) then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background			
a) White:	<input type="checkbox"/> British		<input type="checkbox"/> Irish
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background (write details below)		
b) Mixed:	<input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other mixed background (write details below)		
c) Asian or Asian British:	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background (write details below)		
d) Black or Black British:	<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean		<input type="checkbox"/> African
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other black background (write details below)		
e) Chinese or other ethnic group:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other background (write details below)		
f) Unwilling to supply <input type="checkbox"/>			
2. Please indicate whether you are:		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
3. If you consider yourself disabled, please tick this box <input type="checkbox"/>			
4. What is your nationality?			
5. I consent to the supply of this information to the Bar Council/ Bar Standards Board for the purposes described above.		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

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## **Middle Temple Major Scholarships (Bar Professional Training Course 2012/13) Information for Referees**

Your reference is to support an application for a scholarship for the Bar Professional Training Course. The applicant in whose support you are writing will in due course be interviewed by a panel of three senior members of the Inn (barristers and judges).

In allocating a scholarship, the interviewing panel will look for the attributes which make a good barrister. It would assist them if your reference could broadly follow the criteria which the Inn has in mind when awarding scholarships to prospective students. They are:

- a) **Intellectual ability:**  
the ability to conduct legal research and give written advice, as demonstrated by performance in school and university examinations, the interview and, where appropriate, other experience;
- b) **Motivation to succeed at the Bar:**  
knowledge of the profession and the Courts, and steps taken to acquire the personal skills required of a Barrister, will be taken into account;
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those required by members of the Bar include self-reliance, independence, integrity, reliability, and the capacity to work effectively with clients, colleagues and chambers staff.

Please note that the interviewing panel may raise at interview any topic of potential relevance contained in your reference. Should this give you any cause for concern, please contact me.

Your reference can be sent either in hard copy to the address above or by email to [scholarshippreferences@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:scholarshippreferences@middletemple.org.uk).

**Whatever the format, it must reach us by 4 pm on 4 November 2011. Please note that no award will be made unless a candidate supplies two references, of which yours is one.**

With thanks for your assistance,

**Christa Richmond  
Deputy Under Treasurer (Education)**