



## **In Person Interview for Major Scholarships: Notes for Candidates**

1. The purpose of these notes is to give you some idea of what to expect when you interview in person with Middle Temple for a scholarship.
2. All applicants who have applied for a place on the Bar course will be interviewed. The only way we can accommodate this is by limiting the time for each interview to 15 minutes.
3. At least 1 week before your interview you will be asked to submit proof online that you have applied for the Bar Course commencing in September 2024 or January 2025. You must submit this in order for your interview to go ahead.
4. Before your interview you should obtain four passport style photos which you should bring with you on the interview day. Each panel interviews about 40 candidates, so the photos are handed out by the clerk to the panel after your interview to help them remember you as accurately as possible when they deliberate.
5. The dress code for interviews is business attire. Applicants should ideally wear a dark suit, with shirt and tie or blouse, or a dark dress which should cover the shoulders and be of appropriate length for the occasion.
6. The interview will take place at Ashley Building, Middle Temple Lane, EC4Y 9BT. You should arrive there 15 minutes before your interview. The closest tube station is Temple on the District and Circle Line and the closest train station is Blackfriars. If you are running late, please call 020 7427 4800, option 1, and inform the Education Department of this. We cannot guarantee that we can offer you an alternative interview time or date.
7. You will be collected from the interview waiting area by the clerk of your panel to whom you should give your four passport photos. When you enter the interview room, do not shake hands with the interviewers.
8. The Inn processes and stores personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Inn's Data Protection Policy. For more information on the Inn's Data Protection policy please visit our website here: <https://www.middletemple.org.uk/about-us/data-protection>. If you have any Data Protection queries, please contact [data.protection@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:data.protection@middletemple.org.uk).
9. The panel will typically consist of three senior members of the Inn; usually barristers, though some panels may also include a judge. At the start of your interview, they will introduce themselves.
10. The interview itself will be geared towards helping the panel to see you at your best and assess your potential for the Bar according to the published criteria. It is not intended to be an examination but an opportunity for you to demonstrate how you approach questions. That said, you will of course be expected to be aware of current legal issues or cases and have a well-founded view on them.
11. You will probably be asked about mini-pupillages, work experience, court visits, academic research, or other relevant legal experience which you might have mentioned in your application; if there have been additional experiences in those areas since you completed the form, do mention these at an appropriate time during the interview.

12. You can take a copy of your application form and any notes into your interview if you wish, but do bear in mind that there is limited time for the interview. If you spend a minute looking for a particular piece of information, that's a minute out of your allocated time. The panel want to get to know you and to assess your skills and ability under our criteria.
13. If the panel has any questions about the information in your Finance Form, they will ask at the end of your interview.
14. The Inn will be able to make a contribution of up to £75 towards your reasonable travel expenses if you are travelling from outside the M25. We will have claim forms available on the day. Receipts for all claims must be provided.
15. It will take up to four weeks for the office to deal with the administration and confirm the results. Regardless of whether you have been successful or unsuccessful in your application, you will be informed of the result by email. Middle Temple does not reject by silence.
16. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide feedback on your interview.