



GUIDANCE NOTES FOR REFEREES

The Scholarship committee would be grateful if referees could cover as many of the following points as possible in their reference.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. The Intellectual ability of the candidate - For those doing their degree, performance to date and prediction of their final degree class - For those who have completed their degree, overall performance - GCSE and 'A level performance (if known)
3. Evidence of the candidate's ability to present an argument and defend a position in seminars, classes or tutorials, as well as debating, mooting, public speaking skills, competition experience and self presentation.
4. Evidence of inter-personal skills and integrity, positions of responsibility.
5. Evidence of ability to get on with student colleagues and tutors and willingness to take advice.
6. Interests (if known) e.g. student committee work, sporting activities, music, voluntary and charity work, vacation work.

Any other comments, not covered by the above, which would demonstrate to the panel the fitness of the individual to pursue a career at the Bar with the assistance of a Lincoln's Inn Scholarship, would be helpful.

Please note the closing dates for the awards:

Bar Course Scholarships:	The date stated on the LI scholarships webpage (the year before commencement of course)
GDL Scholarships:	First Friday of May (the year of commencement of course)

References and a full application must be submitted at the same time. Late applications will not be considered.

Applicants must send the link to their chosen referee for them to upload their reference. The onus is completely on the applicant to ensure references are submitted by the deadline and in the correct format.



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References will not be visible to applicants once uploaded and applicants will be notified by email once a reference is completed for them. References form part of the application and must be uploaded in order for applications to be submitted.

All references must be:

- In PDF format and unprotected
- Portrait view and under 5MB in size
- Where possible, written on headed paper.
- The file name should be simple and not contain any special characters (!"£\$%^&*) or any other unnecessary symbols.

Example:

John Doe reference – Lincoln's Inn (Bar Course) ❌

John Doe reference ✅

Please ensure you have checked your reference meets the criteria above before you contact us. For further information please contact scholarships@lincolnsinn.org.uk