James Learmonth Scholarship for the Master's in Education (Policy, Planning and Leadership) at Chancellor College, Malawi

Guidelines for 2016 Applications

General Information

James Learmonth was an influential educational practitioner in the UK who believed strongly that education was the key to greater inclusion, social stability and international co-operation. He also believed that teachers and educational leaders can only be effective if they continue learning.

When James died of cancer in 2003, his wife, family and numerous colleagues and friends decided to establish the James Learmonth Scholarship Programme in his memory. The aim of this programme is to support teachers and educational leaders in Malawi to pursue studies in education.

Canon Collins Trust administers the James Learmonth Scholarships. In 2016 we will award up to two scholarships to support students to study for a **Master's in Education (Policy Planning and Leadership)** at Chancellor College, Malawi.

This scholarship is valued at approximately US$3,500 per academic year, to cover tuition fees and provide a modest living allowance. This figure may vary, subject to confirmation of tuition fees.

Are you eligible?

Applicants must be:

- a first or second year student on the MA in Education (Policy, Planning and Leadership) at Chancellor College
- a national of and resident in Malawi
- in possession of a good undergraduate degree

Please apply only if you are eligible.

Application Process

The application form is of primary importance as it serves as the basis for assessment.
It MUST be neat and easy to read. Please do not type in block capitals. The form should be completed on a computer and submitted via email to: **scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk**.

Please put your name and surname in the subject line of the email. The following supporting documents must be included, and should ideally be sent with the application form in **a single email**.

- ID document (passport, driving license or birth certificate)
- Certified academic transcripts
- Certified degree certificates, if available
- Reference letters from two referees
- A copy of your two most recent payslips, if you are employed

If you are not able to include all documents in a single email you may send extra email(s), but please make sure they are clearly labelled, with your name in the subject line of the email.

We will not assess applications that have documents missing. Please do not submit your application until you have all the necessary information.

References

Ideally, you should submit an academic reference and a reference from an employer. If you have never been employed, we will accept a reference from voluntary work, or two academic references.

You should ask your referees to write a reference that relates to your application for this bursary and reflects how you meet the selection criteria. It should outline your strengths as an applicant, demonstrate your capacity to study at the level required, and identify your potential impact in the future.

You can submit your references with all the other supporting documents or, should your referee prefer to submit their reference directly, ask them to email it directly to scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk.

The subject of the email should state that it is a reference and comprise the name and surname of the applicant, e.g., Reference: LASTNAME, First name.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the references are sent to us by the deadline. Late references and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Timetable

The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 27 January 2016**. Late applications will not be considered.

Please do not email us to ask about the outcome of your application. All notifications will be by email so please make sure you provide an accurate email address.

We will let you know the outcome of your application by mid-February 2016.

Selection Criteria

In selecting scholars, the Canon Collins Trust will apply a number of criteria including academic merit, work experience, need and the potential to contribute to southern Africa's future prosperity. We are looking for future leaders in their fields and therefore demonstrable leadership qualities are important.

Applicants for all 2016 scholarship programmes will be assessed on the basis of the information that they supply on their application form against the criteria outlined below:

1. Academic Record and References
Applicants should have a minimum of a good second-class (2.1) undergraduate degree and excellent references.

2. Work Experience
We favour applications where there is a demonstrable continuity between the applicant's current profession, career ambitions and this course of study.

3. Relevance
We favour applicants who can describe why this choice of course fits with their ambitions to make a difference in their sector. Please note that applicants need to be clear on their intended area of specialisation, and be able to articulate how this will enable them to meet their career goals.

4. Leadership Competencies
Applicants will be asked to demonstrate how they have developed their leadership skills in the workplace, academia or in their personal life. Canon Collins places a great deal of emphasis upon the leadership potential of individuals.

5. Commitment to Country/Community

We will favour applicants who most clearly show a desire to be part of and to contribute to the future prosperity of southern Africa.

6. Motivation for Study

We favour applicants who are able to articulate

- Why their chosen institution fits with their ambitions
- Why their chosen course fits with their ambitions
- How, once qualified, they intend to 'make a difference'.

7. Application form

You should:

- Demonstrate a good command of English
- Answer all of the questions fully and with attention to detail
- Provide all the necessary documentation and supporting documents.

Send your completed form and supporting documents by **Wednesday 27 January 2016** to scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk.

Good luck! We look forward to receiving your application.