

# Canon Collins Trust Leigh Day Scholarships for study at the University of Fort Hare in 2021 Guidelines for Applicants



## General Information

Law and human rights have long been within our priority areas for awarding scholarships. By investing in future members of South Africa's legal profession we hope to support a new generation of leaders to develop legal systems which are just and equitable.

This scholarship is generously supported by [Leigh Day & Co](#), a London law firm specialising in personal injury and human rights law.

Canon Collins Trust invites applications from **current 2nd and 3rd year students (going into their 3rd and 4th year in 2021)** studying for an LLB at the University of Fort Hare. We will provide funding for maximum of two years.

Awards in 2021 will be R40,000, per academic year. This will be paid into your student account, so initially it will go towards the cost of your fees, and any remaining funds can be used for accommodation, books, or other purposes relevant to your studies.

## Are you eligible?

Applicants must be:

- a national of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
- in possession of a strong academic record and extra-curricular involvement.
- a 2nd or 3rd year undergraduate of Law student at the University of Fort Hare.

**Please apply only if you are eligible.**

## Application Process

The application form is of primary importance as it serves as the basis for assessment. Please do not type in block capitals. The form should be completed on a computer and submitted via email to: [scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk](mailto: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**. If this is not possible you may send extra email(s), but please make sure it is clearly labelled with your name.

- Academic transcripts
- Reference letters from two referees (academic or professional)
- ID document (passport, birth certificate, driving license)

You should ask your referees to write a reference that relates to your application for this scholarship. 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](mailto:scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk). They must clearly label the email with your name. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the references are sent to us by the deadline.**

## Timetable

The deadline for applications is **Monday 5th October 2020**.

Late applications will not be considered.

We will interview shortlisted applicants **in November 2020**. We will let you know the outcome of your application in November/December 2020.

## How many scholarships are available?

There is no set number, but it is likely the Trust will make 4-5 new awards this year. The Trust makes awards on the basis of available funding and suitable applicants.

## Selection Criteria

In selecting scholars, the Trust will apply a number of criteria including academic merit, need and the potential to contribute to southern Africa's future prosperity. Applicants 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 be able to show good results from their completed years of study, or be able to demonstrate improvement. They should also have excellent references.

### **2. Work Experience**

We favour applications where there is a demonstrable continuity between applicant's paid or voluntary work experience and their course of study.

### **3. Leadership Competencies**

Applicants will be asked to demonstrate how they have developed their leadership skills in the workplace, academia or in their personal life.

### **4. 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.

### **5. Application form**

The application form matters. Applicants should:

- Demonstrate a good command of the English language.
- Answer all of the questions properly and completely.
- Complete the application and deliver all supporting documents in a timely manner.

Send your completed form and supporting documents by **Monday 5th October 2020** to [scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk](mailto:scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk).

*Good luck! We look forward to receiving your application.*