



Joel Joffe LLB Scholarships for study at the University of the Western Cape and The University of Fort Hare in 2020

Guidelines for Applicants

GENERAL INFORMATION

Canon Collins Trust invites applications from current 3rd year students (going into their 4th year in 2020) studying for an LLB at the University of the Western Cape or the University of Fort Hare. We will provide funding of R40,000 towards the last year of your LLB studies, an opportunity to enhance your academic and leadership skills through organised events and a paid internship at a public interest law firm for approximately five months after your graduation.

These scholarships are funded by the Joffe Charitable Trust (UK charity no. 1180520). Joel Joffe was Nelson Mandela's lawyer in the 1963/4 Rivonia Trial. He played a crucial role in the struggle for democracy in South Africa. The Trust continues to build on his legacy, inspiring others to do as much as possible to realise human rights and reduce poverty.

Across all our scholarships, our scholars demonstrate the potential to drive change towards just and equitable civil societies. This new scholarship will begin to build a cohort of carefully selected lawyers with commitment to work towards strengthening human rights and social justice in South Africa.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must be:

- a national of, and normally resident in, South Africa
- in possession of a strong academic record and extra-curricular involvement
- a current undergraduate 3rd year student of Law at the University of the Western Cape or the University of Fort Hare

Please apply **only** if you are eligible and meet **ALL** of the above criteria.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application form is of primary importance as it serves as the basis for assessment. You can download it from the Canon Collins website.

It must be neat and easy to read. The form should be completed on a computer, saved as a PDF, and submitted via email to: scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk. Please put your name and surname in the title of the email, e.g. Application Joel Joffe scholarship: Patricia Mazibuko.

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 and scholarship details in the subject line of the email. E.g. Application Joel Joffe scholarship: Patricia Mazibuko (2 of 3).

All applicants are required to send the following supporting documentation:

- Copy of degree certificates, if available
- 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. 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 **Sunday 15th September 2019**. Late applications will not be considered.

The interviews will take place during the week commencing 28th October at the University of Fort Hare and during the week beginning 4th November 2019 at the University of the Western Cape. Please make sure you are available for interview on these dates.

We will let you know the outcome of your application in November 2019.

HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

There is no set number, but it is likely the Trust will make 4 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 **Sunday 15th September 2019** to scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk.

Good luck! We look forward to receiving your application.