**Alumni-funded scholarships**

**Scholarship application questions and guidance**

This document provides an overview of the information required to complete the online application form. All questions included in the application are outlined below, along with the corresponding page numbers in the form.

It may be helpful to save a copy of this form and prepare your answers in advance. The online application form does not allow you to save your responses part-way through.

**Page 2: Personal details**

* Full name
* York St John Student ID
* Level of study
* Programme of study
* Current year of study

**Page 3: Scholarship eligibility criteria**

To be eligible for an Alumni-Funded scholarship, you must meet at least 2 of the following criteria.

Please select all criteria that apply to you, and ensure that each one selected is clearly explained in your supporting statement.

* My residual household income is less than £26,000 – Yes/No
* I am a carer – Yes/No
* I have parental responsibilities for one or more children under 18 – Yes/No
	+ If you respond “yes” you will be asked this additional question: I have registered that I am estranged from my family on my application for student funding – Yes/No
* I am a member a Gypsy, Roma, Traveler, Boater or Showman community – Yes/No
* I come from a military family background – Yes/No
* My family circumstances have drastically altered in the last year – Yes/No

**Welcome Back to Education scholarship**

If you meet at least 2 of the above scholarship criteria, and you are also regarded as a mature learner, you are eligible for the Welcome Back to Education scholarship. To be a mature learner, you must be 21 or older if you are at the start of undergraduate study. You must be 25 or older if you are at the start of postgraduate study.

Please select if you are a mature learner and include any information related to this in your supporting statement.

* I am a mature learner – Yes/No

**Ed De Nunzio scholarship**

If you meet at least 2 of the above scholarship criteria, and you are also from York or the surrounding areas, you are eligible for the Ed De Nunzio scholarship.

Please select if you are from York or the surrounding areas, and include any information related to this in your supporting statement.

* I am from York or the surrounding areas – Yes/No

**Page 4: Supporting statement**

As part of your application, we will ask you to write a 500-word supporting statement. We recommend you write this in advance before starting your application so that you can copy and paste it in when you reach that section of the form.

Using up to 500 words, please describe your personal circumstances and clearly explain why you need the scholarship. It should demonstrate how the scholarship would benefit you, and how you would use the funds to support your education.

It may help you to use this structure:

* Details of your current circumstances: Outline your situation or background and how it has impacted your studies. Please relate this to the eligibility criteria that you meet on page 3 (300-350 words). The criteria can also be viewed on our  [Alumni-funded scholarships webpage](https://www.yorksj.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/funding-opportunities/alumni-funded-scholarships/) in the eligibility section.
* How the scholarship funds would benefit you, and the impact receiving this scholarship would have on your academic journey (150-200 words).

**Page 5: Written reference**

You will need to provide a written reference from an independent referee to support your application.

Your independent referee should be someone who knows you in their capacity as your employer, tutor, religious leader, health professional, sports coach, or other similar people who know you and your circumstances and can endorse your application. **Your referee cannot be a family member, friend, or partner.**

Please be aware you will need to contact your referee for a written reference (we will not do this). Once you receive this back, it needs to be submitted separately by e-mail to scholarships@yorksj.ac.uk**,** once you have completed this application form.

As a general rule, you should ask your referee to include the following in their written reference:

* How their relationship with you makes them a suitable independent referee.
* Their knowledge and understanding of your circumstances, and the impact this has on your studies.
* How they believe the scholarship would benefit you if awarded.

**Page 6: Declaration and future engagement**

* I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements provided in this application and written reference are true and correct – Yes/No
* I am willing to write a thank you card to scholarship donors – Yes/No
* I am happy for my experiences to be used as a case study for future applicants and for fundraising activity (this can be anonymous if needed) – Yes / Yes-anonymously / No