

Future Pathways Scholarship

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 sections 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.

We are aware that AI can be helpful in shaping your responses, but we encourage you to use it thoughtfully, ethically, and critically. As you will be asked to write about your own experiences and their impact, we advise you to share your answers in your own words.

Section 1: Personal details

- Full name
- York St John Student ID
- York St John Email Address
- Are you from York or the surrounding areas? - Your home address (not term time address) must be within North Yorkshire.

Section 2: Scholarship eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a Future Pathways 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 £25,000** – Yes/No
*Residual household income= gross income (before tax and National Insurance) and taking off allowances for the following:
Payments into private pension schemes, additional voluntary contributions, and employment-related costs. £1,130 for any child other than you (if you're under 25 and dependent on parent's income) who is totally or mainly financially dependent on them.*

Whose income is counted

- *If you are under the age of 25 and depend on at least one parent- parent's income, which includes income of your parent's partner if they have one.*
- *If you are under the age of 25 and do not financially depend on your parents i.e. you are estranged, you've been married/ in a civil partnership before the start of your course, you have supported yourself financially for at least three years- residual household income will include your own income and your partner's if you live with them.*
- *If you are over the age of 25- residual household income will include your own income and your partner's if you live with them.*

If you are a postgraduate student, we may contact you to request evidence of your residual household income. This would usually include a P60 or tax return from the previous full tax year. For undergraduate students, this information is usually provided as part of your student finance application.

- **I am a carer – Yes/No**
A carer is someone who looks after another family member, partner or friend on an unpaid basis. This person needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, mental health problem and cannot cope without this support.
- **I have parental responsibilities for one or more children under 18 – Yes/No**
Having legal rights and duties relating to your child's upbringing
- **I have registered that I am estranged from my family on my application for student funding or I am a care leaver- Yes/ No**
To be considered estranged for student funding purposes, you must have a permanent breakdown in contact with your parents/ legal guardians. This usually includes no written or verbal contact for around 12 months, and that it's unlikely to change.
A care leaver is any home undergraduate student under the age of 25 who has been in care for at least 13 weeks and was in care on their 16th birthday. This includes those under kinship or guardianship care as well.
- **I am a member a Gypsy, Roma, Traveler, Boater or Showman community – Yes/No**
- **I come from a military family background – Yes/No**
Yourself, your parent(s), carer(s) or partner are current or former Armed Forces personnel.
- **I have experienced other unexpected changes to my family circumstances in the last year – Yes/No**

Examples of unexpected changes include serious illness or family bereavement. These circumstances will be separate from the criteria noted above. This is not an exhaustive list.

Section 3: Supporting statements

As part of your application, we will ask you to write two supporting statements. We recommend you write these in advance before starting your application so that you can copy and paste it in when you reach that section of the form.

- **Statement one (maximum 400 words):** 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. The criteria can be viewed on our [Future Pathways scholarships webpage](#) in the eligibility section.
- **Statement two (maximum 200 words):** How the scholarship funds would benefit you, and the impact receiving this scholarship would have on your academic journey.

Section 4: Written reference

You will need to provide contact information for 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, partner, or YSJ staff member.

We will only contact your referee for a written reference should we have any questions about the information provided on your application form.

You will be asked to provide the following information about your referee

- Name of referee
- Email address
- Relationship to referee (how do you know them)

Section 5: Future Engagement

- If my application is successful, 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

Section 6: Declaration

- I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and information provided in this application are true and correct – Yes

- I confirm that I am considered a home fee status student. I understand that my application may be withdrawn if this information is found to be incorrect-Yes
- By providing my referee details, I give permission for them to be contacted, if required- Yes