Sanctuary Scholarship Application Form: guidance notes

Successful applicants for the Sanctuary Scholarship at York St John University will be provided with:

- A tuition fee waiver: the successful student will be offered a full tuition fee waiver for the duration of their course[1]

- £4,000 per year towards the costs of study, for example: travel costs, books and other study resources. This is not intended to be used towards accommodation or living costs.[2]

- Personal support: students will be offered 1:1 support by a member of staff to help them with any problems or concerns, and to identify opportunities to help them succeed in their studies.

Eligibility criteria

Before making an application for the Sanctuary Scholarship please ensure that you meet our eligibility criteria. The scholarship is open to those who do not have access to student finance and:

- Are seeking asylum in the UK, or are a dependent or partner of someone seeking asylum. (You must have an active asylum case to apply);
- OR who have been granted Discretionary / Limited Leave to Remain or some other form of temporary status, or are the dependent or partner of someone who has been granted Discretionary / Limited Leave to Remain.

And:

- Have a conditional or unconditional offer for 2027 entry on an undergraduate or postgraduate degree course at York St John University.
- Can provide a reference in support of your application.
- Are unable to access mainstream funding, e.g. student finance or a local authority grant.
- Live within commuting distance of York St John University.
- Do not require support for living expenses or accommodation.
- Did not enter the UK on a Student Visa.

Applicants must meet these strict eligibility criteria and be in a position to verify their circumstances in order to apply. Applicants who do not meet the criteria will not be considered for an award.
If you have any questions about whether or not you should apply for an award please contact sanctuary@yorksj.ac.uk.

[1] Should the student's asylum claim be resolved and they become eligible to access student finance whilst they are studying at York St John they will be expected to do so, and will no longer be entitled to a fee waiver.
[2] Payment of this bursary will be made in instalments across the year and will be dependent on the recipient engaging with the 1:1 support offered.

Notes to help you complete the application form

1. Please either type or print your answers clearly.

2. When assessing your application for the Sanctuary Scholarship we can only take into account the information we are given on this application form. You do not have to provide details of the circumstances which led you to seek asylum in the UK if you do not wish to. However please ensure you include all information which you feel is relevant to your application in your personal statement.

3. By ticking the boxes on the form you are confirming that you meet the eligibility criteria and that, should you receive the Sanctuary Scholarship you will inform the university of any change in your immigration status. This is very important to ensure that the university remains compliant with Home Office regulations.

4. You must ask your referee to complete a supporting statement as this is an important part of the selection process. We cannot accept applications without a supporting statement from a referee.

5. Once we have considered all applications submitted we will contact you and let you know whether you have been chosen to attend an interview. You will be asked to verify the information provided on your application form and provide evidence of your immigration status. Unfortunately not all applications will be successful.

6. If you are successful in being offered a Sanctuary Scholarship you will be informed within two weeks of your interview.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspect of the Sanctuary Scholarship Programme, please contact: sanctuary@yorksj.ac.uk

The information you provide on the form will be held and processed in accordance with our Data Protection Policy.