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## York St John University YSJ Scholars and Low Income Scholarships Terms & Conditions 2025-26

### Important Information

These terms and conditions govern the YSJ Scholars set of scholarships for the academic year 2025-26.

The York St John University Scholars comprises of four distinct scholarships:

- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Scholarship
- Care Leavers Scholarship
- Estranged Student Scholarship
- Contextual Offer Scheme Scholarship

These terms and conditions should be read in conjunction with the individual information on bursaries, scholarships and discounts available on the University's website and the Student Financial Regulations 2025-26.

### General Notes

- I. Eligible students who commenced their programmes from September 2025 will receive a YSJ Scholars award which, where appropriate, will be credited to their nominated bank account details on Student Finance England for the relevant value as detailed below:
  - a. YSJ Scholars - £800 per academic year
  - b. Part time students will receive a pro-rated amount
- II. Students are not required to apply for the YSJ Scholars scheme. The University will identify eligible students through information gathered from the application, offer and enrolment processes, and information the students provide to Student Finance England as part of the student loan application process.

- III. Awards of £800 will be paid in two instalments in mid-November and mid-February.
- IV. For the Contextual Offer Scheme Scholarship, students will be advised of their eligibility during the application cycle. For all other YSJ Scholars scholarships the students will be informed of their eligibility once the enrolment and registration process is complete.
- V. The YSJ Scholars awards are not a loan and students do not have to pay any remaining funds back to the University at the point of completion, withdrawal or termination. The funds are given to students by York St John University and do not add to any student debt with Student Finance England.
- VI. Students cannot receive more than one of our YSJ Scholars awards. If a student is eligible for more than one, they will receive the award that is of the higher value or the most benefit to them in terms of support or accessing further funding.
- VII. Eligibility for a YSJ Scholars scholarship does not affect a student's right to apply for or be awarded any other scholarship, bursary or financial support offered by York St John University.
- VIII. Acceptance of any of the scholarships provided by the University is an acceptance to the University's Data Protection Policy. Information about scholarship holders is made available to certain departments within and external to the University in relation to submissions of regulatory returns to organisations such as HESA and Student Finance England.
- IX. Requests for eligibility re-assessment, queries and comments regarding the YSJ Scholars scholarships should be submitted to the Student Funding Advice Team:

Student Funding Advice Team  
York St John University  
Lord Mayors Walk  
York  
YO31 7EX

[fundadvice@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:fundadvice@yorks.ac.uk)

Telephone: 01904 876939

- X. The University's decision on eligibility for scholarships is final. The University will not enter into any correspondence with students once they have been advised as to why they are ineligible for a particular scholarship, except where there is a change in circumstances which would alter eligibility status.

## Eligibility Criteria – All Awards

- I. Students must be studying towards an undergraduate honours degree or a undergraduate honours degree top up, be registered as a “Home” student for fee purposes and must be on a fee band of £9,250.
- II. Students on a degree apprenticeship or distance learning programme are not eligible for an award.
- III. Students on an integrated masters programme will only be eligible for the undergraduate portion of their course.
- IV. Students on a placement / sandwich year and students who have suspended their studies will not receive an award for the year that they are not at the University.
- V. Students who are resitting externally are not eligible for an award.
- VI. To be eligible to receive awards, students must not be in debt to the University. Where debts are cleared by the 30<sup>th</sup> June in an academic year, any award due will be awarded by the 31<sup>st</sup> July upon request.
- VII. Students whose eligibility changes mid-year will be considered for an award up to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- VIII. Student’s eligibility for all scholarships will be reassessed at the start of each new academic year.
- IX. Scholarships cannot be awarded for retrospective years. Students who fail to enquire as to eligibility, meet the eligibility criteria in an academic year for which they were otherwise eligible or are not fully assessed by Student Finance England for eligibility for student support, including the ‘Final’ assessment of household income in time or by the 31<sup>st</sup> July, will not have their award backdated; they may however be assessed in following years and receive appropriate payments for the remaining award period.

## Eligibility Criteria – Award Specific

- I. **Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Scholarship** - Students must identify as being in the BAME population at registration and show a residual household income of less than £42,000.
- II. **Care Leaver's Scholarship** - Students must be under the age of 25 and have been assessed as independent and recognised as a care leaver by Student Finance England or an equivalent organisation.

- III. **Estranged Student Scholarship** - Students must be under the age of 25 and have been assessed as independent and recognised as estranged by Student Finance England or an equivalent organisation.
- IV. **Contextual Offer Scheme Scholarship** - Students must have received 4 or more points as part of the Contextual Offer Scheme.

## **Scholarship Plus**

To further increase the positive impact of our scholarships, From September 2025 onwards we will be offering an additional range of support and opportunities for scholarship recipients. Students will be able to choose from a range of activities that they believe will be most beneficial to them including a new YSJU Scholars Forum, Scholarship Curriculum Partners, EDI Ambassadors and a Scholarships Plus Network. There will also be opportunities for mentoring, internships, and targeted support for employability and further study.