

The Gilchrist Grant 2023

Application Rules

Introduction

1. The Gilchrist Grant ('the Grant'), is a grant funded and awarded by Tom Gilchrist ('the Grantor'), barrister at 33 Bedford Row, in conjunction with the King's College London Bar & Mooting Society ('KCLBMS').
 - 1.1. The purpose of the Grant is to provide financial support to those who intend to practise at the Bar of England & Wales.
 - 1.2. The Grant is intended to be for students who show an aptitude for public speaking, show the qualities needed to be a successful barrister and have a genuine interest in the practising at the Bar of England & Wales.

Grants

2. The Grant shall be made up as follows.
 - 2.1. Two grants of £500.00 each shall be awarded to finalist applicants.
 - 2.2. Two grants of £500.00 each shall be awarded to two non-finalist applicants.
 - 2.3. A 'finalist applicant' is defined as a student who is in the final year of their undergraduate degree (e.g. third year LLB, fourth year PPL etc.), or in the final year of their Master's or Doctorate degrees, and intends for their next educational course to be either:
 - 2.3.1. The BTC (or equivalent); or
 - 2.3.2. The GDL (or equivalent), followed by the BTC (or equivalent).
 - 2.4. A 'non-finalist applicant' is defined as a student who intends to undertake the BTC (or equivalent) or undertake the GDL (or equivalent), followed by the BTC (or equivalent) and is either:
 - 2.4.1. Not in the final year of their current degree; or
 - 2.4.2. In the final year of their current degree but intends for their next education course be something other than the GDL (or equivalent) or the BTC (or equivalent).

Eligibility

3. Any student currently attending King's College London shall be eligible to apply for the Grant, subject to below.
 - 3.1. Students who hold the following positions in the executive committee of KCLBMS are ineligible to apply for the Grant:
 - 3.1.1. President;
 - 3.1.2. Treasurer;
 - 3.1.3. Vice-President for Advocacy;
 - 3.1.4. Vice-President for Events;

- 3.1.5. Vice-President of Outreach; and
- 3.1.6. Vice-President of Communications.
- 3.2. The above students are only ineligible while they currently hold the above positions. They are eligible before and after holding the positions, as long as they meet the overall eligibility criteria.
- 3.3. Being a member of KCLBMS does not make one ineligible for the Grant and, in of itself, does not add any weight to the selection criteria.
- 3.4. Any spouse of the Grantor, or relative in the third degree of kinship or less, is ineligible at all times to apply for the Grant.

Application process

- 4. The application for the Grant shall entail a two-stage process.
 - 4.1. The first stage is a paper application. The applicants shall apply using a pro forma application form provided in Word format.
 - 4.1.1. The applicants shall complete the form and submit it in PDF format to GilchristGrant@kclbms.org before 4:00pm on 17 November 2022.
 - 4.1.2. Any applications that are not in PDF format and/or are not submitted by 4:00pm 17 November 2023 will be automatically rejected unless exceptional circumstances can be made out.
 - 4.2. From the applications, five finalist applicants and five non-finalist applicants will be invited to an in-person interview at 33 Beford Row on Saturday 02 December 2023.

Criteria

- 5. Various criteria shall be used in determining how to award the Grant.
 - 5.1. The following matters will be considered in the awarding of the Grant:
 - 5.1.1. Intellectual ability;
 - 5.1.2. Writing ability;
 - 5.1.3. Advocacy ability;
 - 5.1.4. Advocacy experience; and
 - 5.1.5. Commitment to a career at the Bar of England & Wales.
 - 5.2. The Grant is intended to be a merit-based scholarship and not means-based, but hardship may be considered in certain circumstances at the sole discretion of the Grantor.
 - 5.3. The applicants who are to be awarded the Grant shall be awarded it at the sole discretion of the Grantor. The Grantor is the sole evaluator of the applications and there shall be no input from the executive of the KCLBMS as to the merits of any application for the Grant.
 - 5.4. The Grantor reserves the right to award all, some or none of the available individual grants that make up the Grant each year.