

# The scholarships supported by the Marks Family Charitable Trust - Application Form

## **Introduction**

If you have any questions about the scholarship supported by the Marks Family Charitable Trust before you submit your application, please refer to our Guidance Notes and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) documents.

## **Preparing to fill in the application form**

Once you begin, you will not be able to save the online form and return to it later. Therefore, please allow at least 1 hour to complete the form on the computer.

You can prepare your answers using this Word document version of the application form. You might find it helpful to type your answers into this document first, and then copy them into the online application form. Final applications MUST be submitted using the online form.

There is no advantage for individuals who submit their applications first, so please take your time and fill in the form carefully. We do not consider applications for scholarships if the form has not been completed.

## **Closing Date**

The closing date for applications is 5pm on 5th June 2023. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

## **Privacy notice**

Please note that by completing this form you are giving your personal data to the Schwab & Westheimer Trust. Refugee Education UK will use this data to process your application on behalf of the Schwab & Westheimer Trust. Please refer to REUK's privacy notice on our [website](#). Please refer to the Schwab & Westheimer Trust's privacy notice on their [website](#).

## **Eligibility check**

Your application will only be processed if you meet the following criteria:

- You must be in the UK.
- You must have applied, or be in the process of applying, for a POSTGRADUATE degree (Masters or PhD).
- You must have an asylum seeking background

### **Section 1: Applicant Information**

We will use the information provided in this section to contact you about your application. Please ensure that you include your name as you would wish to see it on, for example, a certificate.

Title (e.g. Mr, Mrs, Miss, Dr, Mx, etc)

First name/given name

Last name/surname/family name

Correspondence address

Home address (if different from above)

Contact telephone number. Please provide the number on which you can most easily be contacted (e.g. landline or mobile).

Email address

Date of birth

Gender (in the online form you will be asked to choose one of the following options)

Female

Male

Prefer not to say

Prefer to self-describe\*

\*Optional space to self-describe gender if required:

## **Section 2: Educational details**

If you are currently studying, please state your course(s), institution, course end date, and predicted grade (for example, "Bachelors degree in Science - University of London - May 2023 - Predicted a First Class Honours")

NB: This scholarship is for postgraduate courses so please indicate any undergraduate course you are currently completing, or if you have previously completed an undergraduate degree, you can indicate this in the Previous Education section below.

Please list your previous educational institution, the dates attended, and the qualifications gained (for example, "University of London - Sept 2017 to Sept 2020 - BA Science - First Class Honours").

## **Section 3: University enrolment information**

In this section you will need to include information about the universities that you have applied to, and whether you have received an offer to study at any of the universities. If you have a university offer and have confirmed this with UCAS, please provide details of your first two choices of universities.

Please list the universities - and courses - that you have applied to.

Please list the universities that you have received a firm offer from.

Please list the universities that you are waiting to hear back from.

## **Section 4: Immigration information**

In this section, we need to find out about your immigration status as it will help us understand what you may/may not be eligible for in terms of student finance.

We will use your answers in this section to help determine whether you meet the advertised eligibility criteria for the scholarship in relation to your current immigration status in the UK.

What is your current immigration status? (in the online form you will be asked to choose all of the following options that apply.)

Asylum Seeker  
Dependent of an asylum seeker  
Limited Leave to Remain  
Discretionary Leave to Remain  
UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child) Leave Refugee status  
Humanitarian Protection  
Calais Leave  
Stateless Leave  
Section 67 Leave  
Indefinite Leave to Remain  
Other:

If you have this information, what was your date of arrival in the UK? (dd/mm/yyyy). Example: 7 January 2019

Please give us a brief summary of your immigration history since arriving in the UK. (For example, "I came as an unaccompanied asylum seeking child, was granted discretionary leave to remain and have now applied for an extension" or "arrived in the UK two years ago when I was 21 and claimed asylum. I am still waiting for a decision about my case.")

Do you have permission to study?

Yes  
No  
Unknown

Do you have permission to work?

Yes  
No  
Unknown

Are you a former Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child?

Yes  
No  
Unknown

## **Section 5: Support**

We would like to know if there are any additional support needs you may have with regards to your personal circumstances. Please be assured that any information you provide in this section will not negatively affect your application in any way. We only request this information so we can help and support you should you be successful in your application.

Do you consider yourself to have a disability and/or learning difficulties?

Yes (please give details below in the following section)  
No  
Prefer not to say

Details of disability and/or learning difficulties if applicable.

Do you receive Local Authority support? If applicable to you, please state the name of your local authority and the type of support they currently offer you.

Do you receive any asylum support from the Home Office? (This could be accommodation or weekly payments)

Do you expect you will require any English language support at university? If so, please provide brief details.

Please describe your current living arrangements (in the online form you will be asked to choose all that apply).

Living with parents  
Living alone  
Living with friends  
Living with other family  
Living in halls of residence  
Living with partner/spouse  
Section 95 NASS accommodation

Section 4 NASS accommodation  
Living in local authority care support  
Other:

Please specify your preferred living arrangements during term time (in the online form you will be asked to choose all that apply).

Living with parents  
Living alone  
Living with friends  
Living with other family  
Living in halls of residence  
Living with partner/spouse  
Section 95 NASS accommodation  
Section 4 NASS accommodation  
Living in local authority care support  
Other:

The scholarship will cover 'home' tuition fees (up to £9,500 per year\*). Applicants will need to demonstrate that they can cover their living costs whilst at university. Please give details about how you would plan to cover your living costs if successful.

\*Please note that some postgraduate courses can charge higher tuition fees than this and you may need to find additional funding in this instance.

Please give details about other sources of funding that you have applied to, and whether any of these applications have been successful (this should include any gifts, scholarships, loans, grants or pledges from any institution, trust, family or friends.)

## **Section 6: Personal Statement**

Why do you want to undertake this degree programme, and why is it important to you? Since this scholarship is particularly aimed at candidates with a strong academic record, you may also want to use this space to describe why you believe you have shown academic excellence in your education so far and why this has led you to embark on a postgraduate course.

How has your education been affected by your personal circumstances? Please describe the barriers you have faced in continuing your education, and provide

details of any steps you have taken to try to overcome these barriers. (You do NOT need to disclose personal details about your asylum claim).

Please describe how your chosen postgraduate degree programme will make a contribution to society?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us to help us get to know you better? (Optional)

### **Section 7: Referee Details**

Please list two references – one academic (e.g. a teacher, tutor, lecturer) and one from a social worker, friend, employer or community group leader. We will contact your referees so please ensure that you have asked them for permission.

#### Referee 1

Full name:

Relationship to you:

Name of the organisation your referee works for

What is their role in the organisation?

Email Address

Phone Number

#### Referee 2

Full name

Relationship to you

Name of the organisation your referee works for?

What is their role in the organisation?

Email Address

Phone Number \*

## **Section 8: Declaration and submission**

All decisions by the Schwab and Westheimer Charitable Trust are taken in good faith on the basis of the statements made on your scholarship application and having considered your referees' communication.

If the trustees discover that you have made a false statement or have omitted significant information from your application form, they may terminate your application.

Please confirm you have read and agree to the statements below.

I acknowledge that this is a competitive process and that submitting an application for a scholarship does not guarantee it will be successful.

Yes

No

I agree that, if I am successful, I will notify the Trust immediately if my circumstances change before or during my course or programme of study, in particular in respect to my immigration status.

Yes

No

If successful, I agree that I may have to supply certain copies of any documents I have available to support my application.

Yes

No

I confirm that the information given in this form is true, complete and accurate, and that no information requested or other material information has been omitted.

Yes

No

I consent to the processing of my data by the 'Schwab and Westheimer Charitable Trust' and 'Refugee Education UK' for the purpose of dealing with this application.

Yes

No



I confirm I have read and agree to the above declaration.

Yes

No

Please let us know how you heard about the scholarships?