

# Canon Collins Leigh Day Scholarships for study at the University of Fort Hare & the University of the Western Cape

## Guidelines for Applicants



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Law and human rights have long been within our priority areas for awarding scholarships. By investing in future members of South Africa's legal profession we hope to support a new generation of leaders to develop legal systems which are just and equitable.

This scholarship is generously supported by [Leigh Day & Co](#), a London law firm specialising in personal injury and human rights law.

Canon Collins Trust invites applications from current 2nd and 3rd year students (going into their 3rd and 4th year in 2026) studying for an LLB at the University of Fort Hare and the University of the Western Cape. We will provide funding for maximum of two years.

Awards in 2026 will be R40,000, per academic year. This will be paid into your student account, so initially it will go towards the cost of your fees, and any remaining funds can be used for accommodation, books, or other purposes relevant to your studies.

### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must be:

- a national of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
- in possession of a strong academic record and extra-curricular involvement.
- a 2nd or 3rd year undergraduate of Law student at the University of Fort Hare or the University of the Western Cape, completing their LLB coursework no later than December 2027

**Please apply only if you are eligible and meet ALL of the above criteria.**

### APPLICATION PROCESS

When we are open for applications you will be able to access the **online application form** [here](#). You will find full instructions online when you start a new form.

Please note that we have a strict AI policy. Applicants found to be using generative AI will be automatically disqualified. For further information, please see our [AI Policy](#).

All sections of the form need to be complete before the system will allow the application form to be submitted. Information can be saved and the application form edited until the applicant chooses to submit. All applicants are required to upload the following supporting documentation:

- Copy of degree certificates, if available
- Certified academic transcripts
- ID document (the following are acceptable: passport, birth certificate, driver's license)

You should ask your referees to write a reference that relates to your application for this scholarship. It should outline your strengths as an applicant, demonstrate your capacity to study at the level required, and identify your potential impact in the future.

### FILLING IN THE FORM

Please remember that someone else will read your application. Therefore:

**Please do**

1. Pay attention to grammar and presentation
2. Complete all sections
3. Attach all necessary documents
4. Submit your application in a timely manner

**Please do not**

5. Repeat answers
6. Write in capital letters
7. Attach unnecessary documents

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?**

There is no set number, but it is likely the Trust will make 10 new awards this year. The Trust makes awards on the basis of available funding and suitable applicants.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

In selecting scholars, the Trust will apply a number of criteria including academic merit, need and the potential to contribute to southern Africa's future prosperity. Applicants will be assessed on the basis of the information that they supply on their application form against the criteria outlined below:

**1. Academic Record and References**

Applicants should be able to show good results from their completed years of study, or be able to demonstrate improvement. They should also have excellent references.

**2. Work Experience**

We favour applications where there is a demonstrable continuity between applicant's paid or voluntary work experience and their course of study.

**3. Leadership Competencies**

Applicants will be asked to demonstrate how they have developed their leadership skills in the workplace, academia or in their personal life.

**4. Commitment to Country/Community**

We will favour applicants who most clearly show a desire to be part of and to contribute to the future prosperity of southern Africa.

**5. Application form**

The application form matters. Applicants should:

- Demonstrate a good command of the English language
- Answer all of the questions properly and completely
- Complete the application and deliver all supporting documents in a timely manner

**TIMETABLE**

The deadline for applications is at **15:00 GMT** on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. Late applications will not be considered.

Please do not email us to ask about the outcome of your application. All notifications will be by email so please make sure you provide an accurate email address.

We will be interviewing shortlisted applicants in November. We will let you know the outcome of your application in November 2025.

*Good luck! We look forward to receiving your application.*