



"Aiming Even Higher"  
Trowers & Hamlin Law Student Sponsorship  
Briefing note and application form  
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## Law student sponsorship

### Introduction

The aim of this briefing note is to give you more information about Trowers & Hamlins Law Student Sponsorship and how to apply for it. We have set out the criteria you will need to meet in order to apply for the sponsorship. Having read this note, if you still have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Annaleen Stephens.

### About Trowers & Hamlins LLP

Trowers & Hamlins LLP is a law firm based in the City of London. We employ over 600 people and as well as our offices in London, have offices in Exeter, Birmingham and Manchester. We also have seven offices in the Middle East. We are a broad based firm with a focus on corporate, commercial, real estate, social housing and litigation work. We have over 300 solicitors within the firm.

### What is the Sponsorship?

We wish to encourage those of you currently at school to consider studying law at university and even a career in law. We think a career in law is stimulating, rewarding and intellectually challenging. That is why we have set up the Trowers & Hamlins Law Student Sponsorship.

The Sponsorship is a yearly sum of £5,000 paid to a student undertaking a law (or law-related) degree at a UK university. The Sponsorship runs for a maximum of three years and so is for a maximum amount of £15,000.

### What else would we provide?

We would match you with a business mentor from the firm throughout the duration of your law degree. This mentor would be a lawyer from Trowers & Hamlins and if possible would be from the same university as you.

We would provide a two week work placement during the summer vacation at the end of the second year of your degree. We would also give you a place on one of our trainee assessment centres. Passing an assessment centre is required by every applicant for a career as a trainee solicitor and there is fierce competition for these places. People who pass the assessment centre are given an interview for a trainee solicitor role here. You would have no guarantee of an interview or a job at the end of the Sponsorship.

### What would we expect from you?

We think this Sponsorship is a two-way relationship. We hope that you will be an ambassador for Trowers & Hamlins at your university. We would expect you to keep in touch with us regularly and to provide us with a written report on your progress at least once a year. We would like you to look for ways in which to promote the firm and introduce us to people at your university. That could involve your obtaining an invitation for us to speak at a law society event or working with us at one of our university law fairs. We may also ask you to be involved in the selection of next year's recipient of the Sponsorship.

### Who can apply?

- Are you in Year 13 of a state (non-fee paying) school or 6<sup>th</sup> form college?
- Are you intending to study law (or a law-related subject) at university?
- Have you been predicted A Level grades from your school of one A and two Bs or higher?
- Are you or have you been eligible for school meals *or* would you be of the first generation in your immediate family to attend university?

If you have answered "yes" to all these questions, you are eligible to apply.

### What happens now?

If you are eligible and interested, then please complete the attached application form and send it together with a cover letter and all the stipulated enclosures to Annaleen Stephens by 28 February 2012. We regret we cannot consider any applications received after this date.

We will invite the best applicants to our offices for an informal assessment by 30 April 2011 and will make our selection as soon as possible after that date.

In assessing applications, we will be looking for academic success, dedication and commitment to a career in law, and potential as a future ambassador for Trowers & Hamlins. In short, we seek those who are aiming high and share our ambition. The selection and the decision whether or not to award a scholarship is entirely at the discretion of Trowers & Hamlins.

Please also note that the application form includes a reference from your school. This should be completed by your head of 6<sup>th</sup> form, head teacher or other senior teacher. You are also required to submit a copy of your UCAS form and a short essay.



## Application form

### Personal details

<b>First name</b>	
<b>Last name</b>	
<b>Name of Parent/Guardian</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Current School</b>	
<b>Home phone</b>	
<b>Mobile phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

### Assessment question

When, if ever, is it justifiable to break the law? Please discuss in no more than 500 words and enclose your answer on a separate sheet.

### Declarations

*Please tick*

- 1 I have not applied for any other bursaries, awards or scholarships exceeding £1,000 other than from Student Finance England or from my proposed universities.
- 2 I am or have been eligible for free school meals *or* I am of the first generation in my immediate family to attend university.
- 3 I understand that if I am successful the Sponsorship will cease to be paid if I do not take up and continue with my place at the agreed university and course. I understand that the Sponsorship may also be removed if I fail or have to redo an academic year or if my behaviour is any way unacceptable or inappropriate.
- 4 The attached copy of my completed UCAS form is a true copy of that submitted by me to UCAS this year.
- 5 I agree to my personal data being held and processed by Trowers & Hamlins for the purposes of the Aiming Even Higher scheme.

### Checklist of enclosures

- 1 Personal details and declarations
- 2 Teacher's reference
- 3 Copy UCAS. form
- 4 Assessment question
- 5 Cover letter

Signed:

Dated:

## Teacher's reference

School/College Reference:

School or College:

Teacher's name:

Teacher's role:

Student's name:

I confirm that GCSE and AS level grades on the student's UCAS form are correct

School / College A Level predictions

Subject	Grade

### Reference

Please provide as much additional information as possible to help us assess the applicant's suitability for the Sponsorship.

You are welcome to attach a separate A4 sheet if you wish.

Signed:

Dated: