

DSBA Bursary 2021 Application Guidelines

The Dublin Solicitors Bar Association is the representative body for solicitors in the Dublin area. The Bursary is available to those who wish to qualify and practice as solicitors in the Dublin area. The aim of the Bursary is to increase access to the Solicitors profession by assisting potential members of the profession when they most need it.

WHAT WILL THE BURSARY COVER?

- Law School fees and living expenses

HOW MUCH IS THE BURSARY?

- The amount of an award is not fixed and may vary from one successful applicant and another save in exceptional circumstances.
- **WHO WILL DECIDE WHO GETS THE BURSARY?**
- The Trustees of the Bursary and the entire process is confidential and all completed applications will be considered.

HOW WILL THE TRUSTEES DECIDE WHO GETS THE BURSARY?

The selection process for the bursary is based on the following criteria:

1. Financial Need – detailed financial information is required
2. Education – history and career plan
3. Work and work experience to date (if any)
4. Personal factors such as ability and potential of applicant to study and practice law, the obstacles overcome by the applicant in getting to this stage of their career, the benefit to the applicant, the legal profession of the applicant qualifying as a solicitor. Also considered will be non academic interests and achievements.

The application form will be used to shortlist candidates who will then be interviewed and the bursary awarded based on the above criteria.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

- All applications will be replied to in October and those called for interview will be notified. It is envisaged the bursaries will be available for distribution to successful candidates in November/December

SUBMISSIONS

- Please ensure that you complete the application form fully and enclose the necessary document as listed at the end of the form. The personal statement is an important part of the application and must be enclosed.

Completed applications should be sent **in confidence** to:

Ms Helen Sheehy
Bursary Trustee
Unit 206, THE Capel Building
Mary's Abey
Dublin 7
DX: 200206 Capel Building

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is: -

CLOSE OF BUSINESS Thursday 9th September 2021

The Trustees of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association Bursary are:

James McCourt Helen Sheehy David Walley