The Wittenberg Scholarship: Application Form 2025

### Introduction

If you have any questions about the Wittenberg Scholarship before you submit your application, please refer to our Guidance Notes and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) documents, which are available on [the scholarship website](https://www.swtrust.org.uk/).

#### 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.

**Closing Date**

Applications will open on **1st July 2025,** and close at **5pm BST on 21st July 2025.** Interviews for successful candidates will be held online in early August.

**Please note that, due to the rapid timeline of this particular scholarship application, candidates may receive notice of their interview date with as little as one week's notice.**

If you have a question that is not answered in our Guidance Notes or Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document, please email advice@reuk.org with the subject line "Wittenberg Scholarship Question".

**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](https://02c53844-21e1-4850-80b2-9464608e515f.filesusr.com/ugd/d5aa55_14d8bb208939401dbd4d4e40a7daca37.pdf). Please refer to the Schwab & Westheimer Trust's privacy notice on their [website](http://swtrust.org.uk/documents/SWT-Privacy-Policy.pdf).

**Eligibility check**

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

* You must be currently living in the UK.
* You must have applied for at least one undergraduate course at a UK university through UCAS.
* You must be an **asylum seeker** (or the dependent of an asylum seeker) who is awaiting a decision or appealing a decision for asylum from the UK Home Office OR have another kind of temporary status **whereby you do not have access to government student loans.**
* **You must be 30 years old or younger on the day your course will start.**
* **You must have applied to study a mental health related undergraduate course such as mental health nursing, psychology, or social work.**

### 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, etc)**

**First name/given name**

**Last name/surname/family name**

**Email address**

**Contact telephone number.** Please provide the number on which you can most easily be contacted.

**Full home address with postcode**

**Date of birth**

**Gender**

* Female
* Male
* Prefer not to say
* Prefer to self-describe\*
* Other:

### Section 2: University application details

In this section you will need to include information about the universities that you have applied to on UCAS, and whether you have received an offer to study at any of the universities.

**Please list your top choice university and course. This should ideally be the course that you have already applied to, received an offer from, and have accepted.**

Example: *BSc Mental Health Nursing, University of Manchester - conditional offer*

**How many years of your studies are you seeking support from the Wittenberg scholarship? (This will usually be the duration of your course but it may be shorter if you have already started your degree).**

* 1 year
* 2 years
* 3 years
* 4 years
* 5 or more years

**Additional information about university applications (optional).**

Feel free to use this space to include any additional information/details about your university choices. E.g., offer conditions, alternative courses you're considering, courses you're waiting for a decision from, etc.

**Please describe the highest level of education you've previously completed.**

*Example: Bachelor's degree in sociology at University of Beirut*

*Example: High school in my home country*

*Example: Access to HE course, College of Northwest London (UK)*

### Section 3: Immigration information

In this section, we need to find out about your immigration status, as it will help us understand whether you meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship.

**What is your current immigration status?**

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

**Immigration Documents:** Everyone who is shortlisted for an interview will need to give proof of their immigration status. You don’t need to send it now, but please ensure that you have this document ready to provide if you are invited for an interview.

**Please select which documents you currently have (you can choose more than one if applicable):**

* ARC (Application Registration Card)
* BRP (Biometric Residence Permit)
* Home Office award letter
* Immigration Bail Letter
* Solicitor's letter confirming immigration status
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If you know this information, what was your date of arrival in the UK? (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 when I was 21 and claimed asylum two years ago. I am still waiting for a decision about my case.")

### Section 4: 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 support from the Local Authority/Council, or the Home Office? If applicable to you, please describe the type of support they currently offer you.**

Example: accommodation & weekly payments for the Home Office

Example: housing from the local council

**Please describe your current living arrangements (choose all that apply).**

* Living with parents
* Living with partner/friends/other family members
* Living alone
* Section 4 or 95 NASS accommodation
* Living in local authority or council housing
* Other:

**Please describe your expected living arrangements during your studies should you get this scholarship**

* Moving into university or private student accommodation
* Staying at my current accommodation and commuting to university
* Other:

**Please give details about other funding/scholarships that you have applied to, and whether any of these applications have been successful.**

(example: Hope for the Young grant - unsuccessful, University of Manchester Sanctuary Scholarship - waiting for decision)

### Section 5: Personal Statements

Please take time to carefully write and review these statements. These statements will play a big part in helping the scholarship panel to decide which candidates to invite to an interview. The Trustees want to know who you are as a person. For that reason, please do not use AI to write your statement.

**Why do you want to undertake this degree programme, and why is it important to you?** Word limit: 400

**Please describe the barriers you have faced in continuing your education, and, more importantly, provide details of the steps you have proactively taken to try to overcome these barriers.** (You do NOT need to disclose personal details about your asylum claim). Word limit: 200

### Section 6: Referee Details

**Please list one reference.** It will ideally be an academic reference (e.g. a teacher, tutor, lecturer), but if this isn’t possible, you can also list a social worker, employer or community group leader. We will contact your referee via email if you are invited for an interview so please ensure that you have asked them for permission to be a reference.

Title (Miss, Dr., Reverend, etc):

Full name:

Relationship to you:

Name of the organisation your referee works for:

Your referee’s role in that organisation:

Email address:

### Section 7: 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 confirm I have read and agree to the above declaration.

* Yes
* No

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

**We'd like to understand how applicants use AI tools (such as ChatGPT, Grammerly, etc) in their application process. Did you use AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT, Grammarly, Copy.AI etc.) in the process of writing your personal statements? If so, how did you use them?** (Select all that apply)

* I did not use any AI tools
* I used AI to generate ideas or an outline
* I used AI to write a first draft for me
* I used AI to rephrase or improve grammar and wording
* I used AI to get feedback or suggestions on an existing draft
* Other:

Please let us know how you heard about the scholarships? Select all that apply.

* REUK website
* REUK staff
* Displaced Students Opportunities Portal
* Schwab & Westheimer Charitable Trust website
* Staff member at a college or university
* Word of mouth
* Social media
* Other: