

WINGATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Dear Referee:

Candidates for 2009 Wingate Scholarships are asked to forward this letter to each of their first two referees, together with the attached form. It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that their references arrive on time direct from their referees (references sent in by candidates with their application form, even in sealed envelopes, are not accepted). I should be grateful, therefore, if you send me your reference (preferably by email; and on the attached form) **not earlier than 1 October 2008 and at the very latest by 18:00 on January 30th 2009**. It is not possible for us to chase up missing references and so, if a reference is missing, the Committee may assume that a referee does not wish to support the candidate concerned. If references are emailed, no signature or stamp is necessary and your email will be acknowledged - please **do not** also send a hard copy. I am trying to use less paper, so if you could limit your reference to one single page and on the form provided it would be much appreciated

Wingate Scholarships are awarded as a result of an annual competition to individuals of great potential or proven excellence who need financial support to undertake pioneering or original work of intellectual, scientific, artistic, social or environmental value, and to outstandingly talented musicians for advanced training. All candidates must show that they need our financial support to undertake their project. Personal circumstances may also be taken into account. The proposed work must satisfy the criteria laid down by the Trustees of the Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation in being of potential benefit to others, furthering academic study, contributing to the well-being of society or widening human knowledge and understanding.

Applicants must be over 24 but there is no upper age limit. The Scholarship Committee welcomes applications from mature candidates and those from non-traditional academic backgrounds. Wingate Scholarships attempts to provide funding for cross-disciplinary projects that might not fall comfortably into any of the conventional funding categories.

The Scholarships are designed to help with the costs of a specific project which may last for up to 3 years and is unlikely to attract Research Council, British Academy or major agency funding. Scholarships may or may not be held in the context of a higher degree, but they are not awarded for taught courses (except for advanced music training), including those at art, drama or business schools, for courses leading to professional qualifications, or for electives. The maximum award in any one year is £10,000. In 2008, 500 candidates applied, 99 were interviewed and 52 Scholarships were awarded with an average **total** value of approximately £6,500. Applicants must be citizens of the UK or another Commonwealth country, or Ireland or Israel, or citizens of another European Union country provided that they have been resident in the United Kingdom for at least 3 years. All applicants must be living in the British Isles during the period of application and applications from abroad are not accepted. Former holders of Wingate Scholarships are not eligible to re-apply.

Your full and detailed assessment of the candidate's achievement and potential and of the proposed project will be of the greatest assistance to the Scholarship Committee. We may contact you about your recommendation at a later date.

You should be aware that candidates may request from us copies of any references you may give. Therefore, please mark all references whether on the form attached or written on your letterhead and any other additional correspondence “Confidential”.

The attached form poses the particular questions we should like you to address. We aim to award scholarships to people who bring something extra to whatever they undertake, in terms of intelligence, imagination and industry; section 4 invites you to comment on these and any other special qualities you may perceive in the candidate you are supporting and section 5 asks whether you know of any other funding that may be available to the candidate. If the answer is yes, it would be helpful to know the source and likelihood of success. Section 6 asks you to rate the applicant relative to their peers as applicable and whether or not you have discussed the reference with your student. We should appreciate answers on all these points – preferably on the form.

I regret that it is not possible for me to acknowledge all references, but I should like to thank all Referees, past and present, who have expertly and generously responded to our requests for help.

Yours sincerely,

Faith Clark
Administrator

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