

Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York

Scholarship Fund

Particulars concerning SAS Scholarships to be awarded for Academic Year 2025

For the academic year 2025, the Society will offer Scholarships to the total value of \$90,000 to enable Scottish graduates to study for a year in the United States. **Up to two Scholarships** will be offered of up to **\$45,000 each**.

Preference will be given to candidates who have no previous experience of the United States and for whom a period of study there can be expected to be a life-changing experience. Selection will be based on an all-around assessment, including character, experience academic achievement, and need.

The selection process is conducted by the Scholarship Committee of the Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York.

Eligibility

1. Candidates must be Scottish by birth or descent and will be expected to have current knowledge of Scotland and Scottish current affairs, and of the Scottish tradition generally. The Society expects its scholars to be good ambassadors for Scotland.
2. Candidates must also be:
 - either graduates of a Scottish university, or of Oxford or Cambridge, who have completed their *first* degree course (so as to be qualified to graduate) **not earlier than 2023**;
 - or students of a Scottish university, or of Oxford or Cambridge, who **expect to complete** their *first* degree course (so as to be qualified to graduate) **in 2024**.

The Grant

3. The monetary value of each Scholarship will be up to **\$45,000**, to be applied in the first instance to payment of tuition fees.
4. The Scholarship Committee has discretion to allow the grant to be applied wholly or mainly towards the cost of travel or accommodation, if they are satisfied that tuition fees will be paid (or waived) by the host university or by another grant-giving body.
5. There is no formal means test, but account will be taken of any other scholarship, bursary, grant or waiver of fees awarded in connection with the candidate's proposed course of study in the United States.
6. It is the responsibility of candidates to ensure that they have fully researched the total likely cost of studying in their chosen university, as well as the cost of travel and accommodation. The Society cannot offer further financial assistance beyond the amount of the Scholarship.
7. Applicants are advised that once an application has been accepted by an American university, a deposit will need to be paid to the university to secure the place offered. The payment of the deposit may be required before the final outcome of the selection process for the Saint Andrew's scholarships is known.
8. Information about other possible sources of funding can be found at www.fundingusstudy.org.

Tenure

9. The Scholarship will be tenable from August 2025 to May 2026 at a university in the state of New York, or within 250 miles of its boundary, or within the area of Washington DC.

10. Where a student cannot find a course for his/her special subject of study within the geographical area indicated above, the Society may consider allowing the Scholarship to be held at another university in the United States.

11. **Candidates are strongly advised to apply to more than one university.** In previous years, highly qualified candidates have failed to gain a place at the university of their choice and have then found it difficult or impossible to find a place elsewhere.

Scholars' involvement with the Society

12. The Society will invite its scholars to attend its annual Saint Andrew's Day Banquet in New York City as well as the New York City Tartan Day festivities in April.

13. Scholars are expected to send to the Society at least two informal reports, one in the first semester and the other in the second, addressing their personal and educational experiences during their time in the United States. Scholars are encouraged to submit their reports in the form of a blog-post so that the Society may share the scholars' experiences with its members and on its website.

14. The scholars will be asked to stay in contact with the Society, so that they may continue to receive information about the Society and Society events, and so that the Society may learn of their progress as they advance their careers. Additionally, Society Scholars will be given an automatic five (5) year complimentary membership in the Society following completion of their year as a SAS scholar.

Application Process

15. Applications should be submitted through the student's UK university. Forms can be obtained from the appropriate address listed in Annex A. Applications should **NOT** be submitted directly to the Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York.

16. The university through which the application is being made will specify their deadline for receipt of the application form.

17. The deadline for universities to return complete applications and references for their selected candidates is **March 14, 2025**. Late applications will not be considered.

References

18. Applications must be accompanied by reference letters from *two* of the candidate's undergraduate institution academic referees written on, or annexed to, the form entitled "Confidential Report by Referee". The form must be signed and dated by the applicant and the referee.

Interviews

19. Candidates will be informed by March 31, 2025 whether they have been selected for interview.

20. Interviews will take place in Mid-April 2025, via in-person or Zoom calls scheduled by the Society. Candidates will be informed whether they have been successful as soon as possible thereafter.

ANNEX A

Addresses for submission of applications and references

(Applications and references should NOT be sent directly to the Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York.)

HEI	Title	First name	Surname	Position	Address	City	Postcode	direct email	PA
Edinburgh Napier University		Ben	Waite		Sighthill Campus Sighthill Court	EDINBURGH	EH11 4BN	B.Waite@napier.ac.uk	
Glasgow Caledonian University		Kirsty	MacInnes	Scholarships & Bursaries Officer	International Student Support Office Cowcaddens Road	GLASGOW	G4 OBA	Kirsty.MacInnes@gcu.ac.uk	
Glasgow School of Art		Graeme	Fraser	Student Welfare Adviser	167 Renfrew Street	GLASGOW	G3 6RQ	scholarships@gsa.ac.uk	
Heriot-Watt University	Mr	Steve	Watson	Head of Scholarships Office	George Heriot Wing	EDINBURGH	EH14 4AS	scholarships@hw.ac.uk	
Queen Margaret University		Sheena	Watson	School Manager of Arts, Social Science & Management	Student Services Queen Margaret Drive	EDINBURGH	EH21 6UU	SWatson@gmu.ac.uk	
Robert Gordon University	Mr	Will	Ritchie	Careers Team Leader	Rm H313	ABERDEEN	AB10 7QG	w.ritchie@rgu.ac.uk	
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland		Sarah	Ward	Assistant Registrar	100 Renfrew Street	GLASGOW	G2 3DB	S.Ward@rcs.ac.uk	
The University of Oxford		Jeremy	Moyse	Scholarships Officer	Humanities Division, University of Oxford, Radcliffe Humanities, Woodstock Road	OXFORD	OX2 6GG	graduate.admin@humanities.ox.ac.uk	
University of Aberdeen	Mr	Andrew	Mackie		Careers' Service	ABERDEEN	AB24 3FX	a.r.mackie@abdn.ac.uk	

University of Abertay	Prof	Liz	Bacon	Deputy Principal	Kydd Building	DUNDEE	DD1 1HG	l.bacon@abertay.ac.uk
University of Cambridge		Jennifer	Blakesley	Director	Cambridge University Careers Service Stuart House Mill Lane	CAMBRIDGE	CB2 1XE	jennyblakesley@careers.cam.ac.uk
University of Dundee		Alison	Mackay	Executive Officer	Careers Service 1 Airlie Place Dundee	DUNDEE	DD1 4HQ	c.a.mackay@dundee.ac.uk
University of Edinburgh		Ruth	Cusack	Scholarship and Student Funding Team Leader	Scholarships and Student Funding Services Old College South Bridge	EDINBURGH	EH8 9YL	Ruth Cusack <Ruth.Cusack@ed.ac.uk
University of Glasgow		Lesley	Fielding	Assistant Academic Policy Manager	Senate Office	GLASGOW	G12 8QQ	Lesley.Fielding@glasgow.ac.uk
University of St Andrews	Dr	Megan	Janasiewicz	N. American Opportunities Manager	Careers Centre, 6 St Mary's Place	ST ANDREWS	KY16 9UY	mjj5@st-andrews.ac.uk
University of Stirling		Andrew	Forrest	Information Manager	Careers & Employability Service	STIRLING	FK9 4LA	a.d.forrest@stir.ac.uk
University of Strathclyde	Ms	Shona	Cameron	Postgraduate research officer	Research and Knowledge Exchange Services Graham Hills Building 50 George Street	GLASGOW	G1 1QE	shona.cameron@strath.ac.uk
University of the Highlands and Islands	Dr	Iain	Morrison	Dean of Students	Ness Walk	INVERNESS	IV3 5SQ	iain.morrison@uhi.ac.uk
University of the West of Scotland					Research and Innovation Office	PAISLEY	PA1 2BE	researchservices@uws.ac.uk