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**Financially Supported Mini-Pupillage Scheme**

Walnut House wishes to open up the opportunity of mini-pupillage to candidates who are based at a distance from chambers and who might otherwise be unable to afford the costs of travel and accommodation.

We will be providing funding for the reasonable costs of travel and accommodation for up to 2 nights (up to a maximum cost of £250) for two candidates each year who meet the following criteria:

1. You attended a state/non-fee paying secondary school, and
2. You live more than 90 miles from Walnut House, and
3. You have undertaken two or fewer mini-pupillages to date, and
4. You are eligible for a mini-pupillage at Walnut House (please see our website), and
5. Any one of the following:
* You are the first in your family to attend university; or
* You spent time in local authority care during your school years or have been a carer;
* You were a recipient of free school meals;
* You have parents(s)/guardians(s) who received income support or you yourself are in receipt of income or housing benefit.

You will be required to declare that you qualify for the scheme but not which of the eligibility criteria you meet. The identity of applicants will not be revealed to anyone other than those facilitating the scheme.

Applications from BAME candidates and candidates with disabilities are particularly encouraged. If you require any reasonable adjustments to enable you to complete the application form and/or participate in mini-pupillage, you should contact the Equality & Diversity Officer Laura Searle (laura.searle@walnuthouse.co.uk).

The two successful applicants will be chosen at random from those that have applied that meet the eligibility criteria. To apply for this scheme, you should complete the mini-pupillage application form on our website and tick the box in section 6 to confirm that you meet the eligibility criteria.

Candidates who meet the eligibility criteria but have not been selected will be automatically considered for mini-pupillage outside of this scheme.

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