

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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Congratulations!

You have been chosen by your school or college to receive a Reading List Foundation Scholarship of £275, in the form of a Blackwell's Bookshop e-voucher, in recognition of your achievements in Years 12 and 13. We hope this award will pay for all of your textbooks in your first year at university – and hopefully your second and third as well, as the voucher is valid for three years - giving you one less thing to think about as you settle into your studies.

Our Scholarships are funded by individuals or organisations that are keen to help exceptional students such as yourself succeed at university. They send you their best wishes and we hope this award will make a real difference at the start of the next exciting chapter of your life.

Please also feel free to use the award to buy the odd book or two for pleasure; as Lemony Snicket once said “Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.”

Overleaf are details of how to receive your Scholarship (in the form of a Blackwell's e-voucher that can be used at their bookshops or online, **and in-store at Waterstones bookshops**) - just email us once you have your **official university email address** (they are normally provided in September).

Please claim by Oct 31st if possible (details overleaf) – it is really helpful to us in our planning if you contact us within a few weeks of starting university, even if you don't yet know which books you need to buy (the voucher lasts for three years).

And don't forget to include your award on your CV – being awarded the Scholarship is a real achievement, and one you can be proud of.

Best wishes, congratulations and good luck!



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How to claim the Scholarship award

Once you know where you are studying and have received your own official email address from the university, please email us the following information **from that official university email address** – we use this to confirm you are starting university. Students usually receive these sometime in September.

Use that e-mail address to email us at info@readinglistfoundation.org providing:

- **Your name**
- the **school or college** that awarded you the Scholarship
- the **subject** you are studying and **which university** you are studying it at
- a personal email address – this is optional, but is helpful to us as an alternative way of contacting you (see below).

Please do not apply before Sept 1st.

Once we have received your details, we will send the award out by email within 2-3 working days. If you haven't received an email within this time, please check your junk folder (it will come from alan@readinglistfoundation.org). If you still haven't received anything, then do get back in touch.

By emailing us these details, you are consenting to us holding them for a period of 4 years (to account for your time at university, including the possibility of students studying a four-year course). All email addresses are kept securely by the Reading List Foundation, and are never shared with any outside parties, with one exception: on a few occasions during your studies we may get in touch to ask you to take part in research to help us gauge the impact the Scholarship has had on your studies; the survey and email addresses are hosted securely by the survey provider. Participation in the survey is of course voluntary. Our privacy policy is available on our website.

If you have chosen to defer your place, or to not go to university:

If you have since chosen to defer your place, and start university in 2027, you should keep this letter safe, and claim your award in 12 months' time. If this is your intention though, **please let us know** this year (i.e. Sept/Oct 2026).

If you have chosen not to attend university, **please also let us know** – again this is really helpful for our planning. We wish you all the best with whatever you choose to do next (whatever it is, we're sure you'll be great at it).

If you have any questions:

Please get in touch by email (info@readinglistfoundation.org) or phone (01392 202922) if you have any questions, quoting your old school or college.

And once again, congratulations and good luck!

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