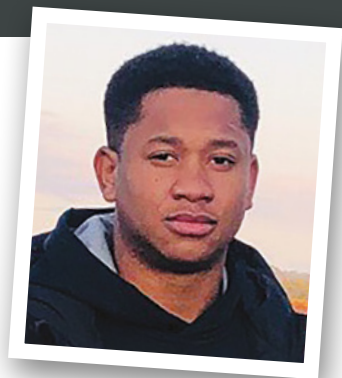


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Delaney

I am a third-year university student studying law at the University of the West of England. I currently work at the Bristol Law Centre as a Legal Advocacy Support Volunteer.

I come from a working-class background and the first in my family to attend University. I endured a troubled teenage year but was fortunate enough to be guided down the law career path by a fellow solicitor who saw potential in me. The AS Foundation has contributed to my journey by showing faith in me, they supplied me with a new laptop to help strive towards success which has been invaluable. I can attend webinars where I can interact with other members, start my applications for vacation schemes easily and efficiently complete my final year assignments.

The Foundation recognised the hard work I have invested into my degree and considerably assisted by removing the financial barrier to the legal profession. Thanks to AS Foundation the first-class honours I have achieved thus far is looking more likely to become reality. I encourage anyone pursuing a legal career to reach out for similar support.



Anisa

My name is Anisa and I am currently in the second year of my LLB Law Degree at City, University of London. My motivation for pursuing a career in law stemmed from undertaking legal work experience during my A-levels, observing, and assisting solicitors on live cases.

During the first year of my degree, I worked part time to help fund my studies. When I found out that the AS Foundation were offering students grants to support them for their legal career, I knew I had to submit an application. The AS Foundation's support has allowed me to purchase work wear for upcoming interviews, and fund travel for work placements and open days. The financial assistance provided by the AS Foundation has ensured that I (and other students) do not feel disadvantaged and has really furthered my aspiration to pursue a legal career.



Jacinta

I am 22 years old and from London. I have studied a Law degree and a Master of Laws at the University of Exeter and I am currently studying the Legal Practice Course (LPC) at BBP University (Holborn), with the intention to become a corporate/commercial solicitor.

During A-Levels I was selected to participate in the Pathways to Law Programme at the London School of Economics, which began my journey to becoming a solicitor. Through this, and other outreach programmes, I gained an insight into different areas of law and legal practice, which led me to participate in workshops, networking, and work experience placements both at law firms and barristers' chambers. These experiences have strengthened my pursuit of a legal career.

After successfully demonstrating a firm commitment and dedication to becoming a solicitor, the AS Foundation awarded me a part-funded scholarship to help fund my LPC studies, as there is no government support available for this course. This has been a huge help in reducing the financial anxiety that I and many others are often faced when seeking to become a solicitor.



James

My name is James, and I am a first year Law student at the University of Southampton.

I really appreciate everything the AS Foundation has done for me in my journey so far. After successfully applying for a grant, the AS Foundation bought me a new laptop to help facilitate my learning. This has allowed me to hit the ground running in my degree and take proper, detailed notes during lectures and seminars. It also makes it easier to store documents and will save me time when I come to revise as I will not have to look back at physical notes in paper form.

A law degree requires a great amount of work, yet this has been made all-the-more accessible and efficient, thanks to the AS Foundation.



Aimée

I am a second-year Law LLB student at University of East Anglia.

I am an aspiring solicitor advocate, with a keen interest in civil and commercial litigation (especially within white collar crime, public inquiry, and dispute resolution!).

I want to work within the legal profession as I find the work intellectually stimulating as well as personal. This is because the law has a huge human impact, which is why I would like to undertake a mixture of private client and business work. I recently entered and won a mooted competition at my university, increasing my motivation to become a litigator.

I recently received a grant to buy textbooks from the Aspiring Solicitors Foundation. This has greatly benefitted me as I was able to order books and revision guides which I needed for the Autumn semester. Without the AS Foundation's support, it would have taken me a while to save up for these items and they have been a great help so far in my second year.



Jasmine

I am Jasmine, a final year law student at the University of Warwick. I am a state-educated, first generation student from Essex. After studying A-level law and other essay-based subjects, I decided further study in law would be something I would enjoy. I do not regret my decision at all and aspire to be a commercial solicitor.

During lockdown, my laptop broke, so I had to borrow my family's laptop for exams. I was unable to afford a new laptop, which is essential not only for my university studies but also to apply for work experience and graduate roles.

Financial support to purchase a new laptop has enabled me to write applications to law firms for their vacation schemes and open days, as well as undertaking extra-curricular activities such as my role as Co-President of the 93% Club Warwick aimed at increasing access to opportunities for state-educated students.

I am so grateful to the AS Foundation and would definitely recommend students to apply if they need financial help!



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