

AIA Accountancy Scholarship (UK)

For applications in 2024/25

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1.0 Introduction

The AIA Accountancy Scholarship (UK) is aimed at students who are committed to a career in accounting and finance. The scholarships are a life-changing opportunity to study for the AIA professional qualification with full funding towards online tuition, though AIA Achieve Academy, and exams fees.

There are five scholarship awards allocated for 2024/25, two of which will be given with priority to applicants from lower socio-economic backgrounds to support the AIA's commitment to <u>Access Accountancy.</u>

The scholarships are awarded for five years or until completion of the AIA professional qualification, whichever is sooner.

2.0 Timeline & Key Dates

| Date | Event |
|------------------|--|
| 01 November 2024 | Applications for AIA Scholarships go live |
| 28 February 2025 | Deadline for applications |
| 31 March 2025 | Award of scholarships – applicants will be informed by email |
| November 2025 | First exam sitting |

3.0 Funding

The funding covers:

- 100% of the associated costs of online tuition though AIA Achieve Academy and exams fees.
- All exemption costs, if applicable.
- First year membership fees on completion of the qualification and work experience requirements.

The funding does **not** cover:

• The AIA annual student subscription payable on 01 October each year.

3.1 Withdrawing from the qualification

If a scholarship wishes to withdraw from the qualification before completion they must do so in writing and they will be asked to repay the scholarship, pro-rata.

AIA reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if a student is found to be ineligible, does not make satisfactory progress on the programme of study or fails to sit consecutive exam sittings.

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4.0 Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Complete the scholarship application form including submitting an essay of no more than 800 words in response to the question listed. Submissions need to be in English.
- Meet AIA's entry requirements for registration as a student which are 2 A Level passes plus 3 GCSE passes (in five separate subjects including Maths and English) or equivalent.
- Be a UK resident for the duration of the programme.
- Commit to undertaking the AIA professional qualification, online course of study and sit consecutive exam sitting in May and November each year.
- The application should be counter-signed by a sponsor who is 'a person of good standing in their community' or work in (or be retired from) a recognised profession.

5.0 Application

5.1 Personal details

| First name: | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Surname: | |
| Postal address: | |
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| Email: | |
| Telephone number: | |
| Details of relevant qualifications: | |
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5.2 Confirmation of eligibility

I confirm that I have read the eligibility criteria

I wish to be considered as an applicant from a lower socio-economic background and self-certify that I meet that criteria on the basis that:

| l attended a lower-decile school | |
|--|--|
| l am from a refugee background | |
| I am the first in my immediate family to attend university | |
| l was eligible for free school meals | |

6.0 Essay

Please write a maximum of 800 words on **one** of the following questions:

- What would this scholarship mean to you?
- Why is a career in accountancy important to you?

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Signature of applicant:

Countersigned by:

Name of countersignatory:



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