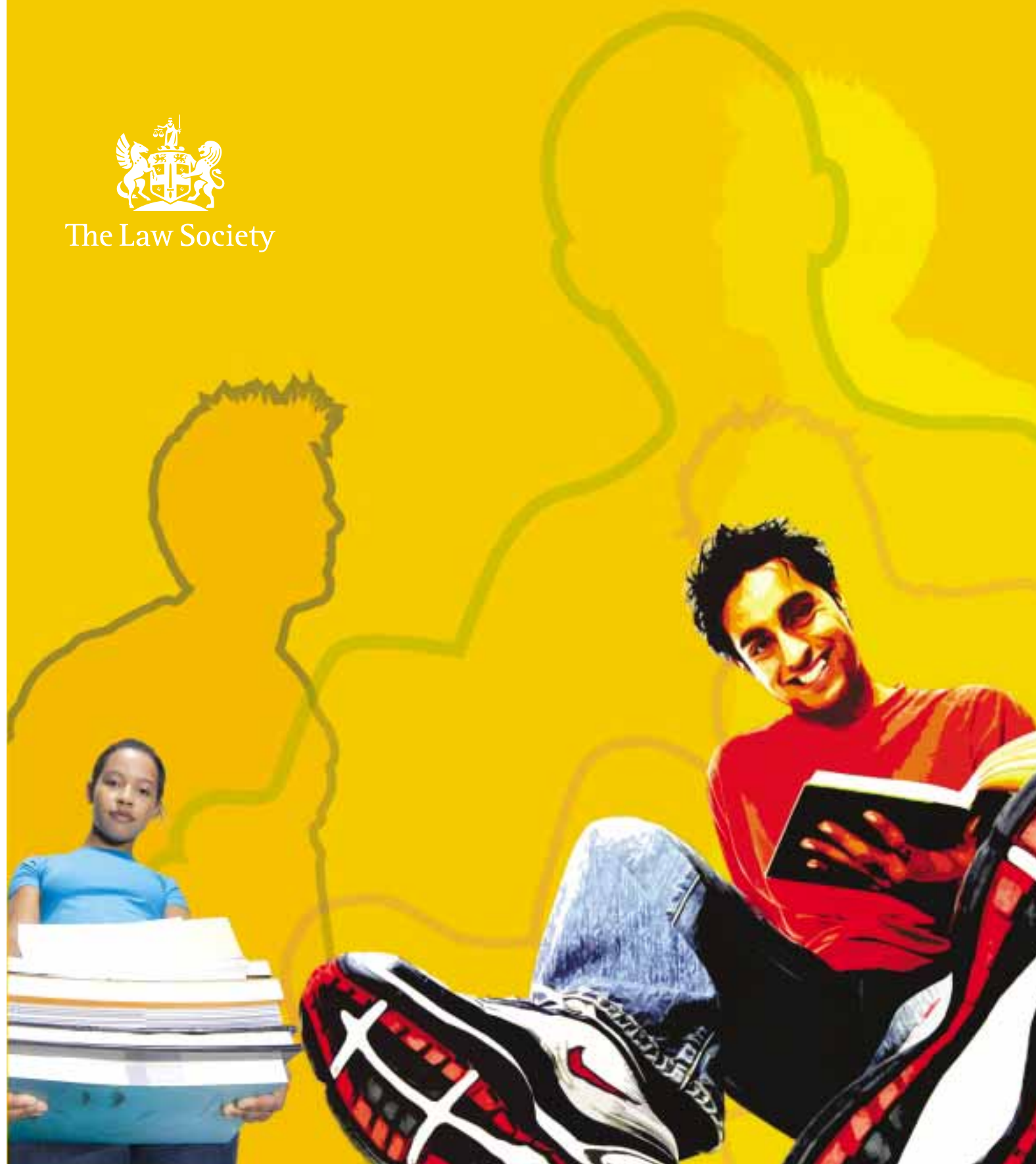


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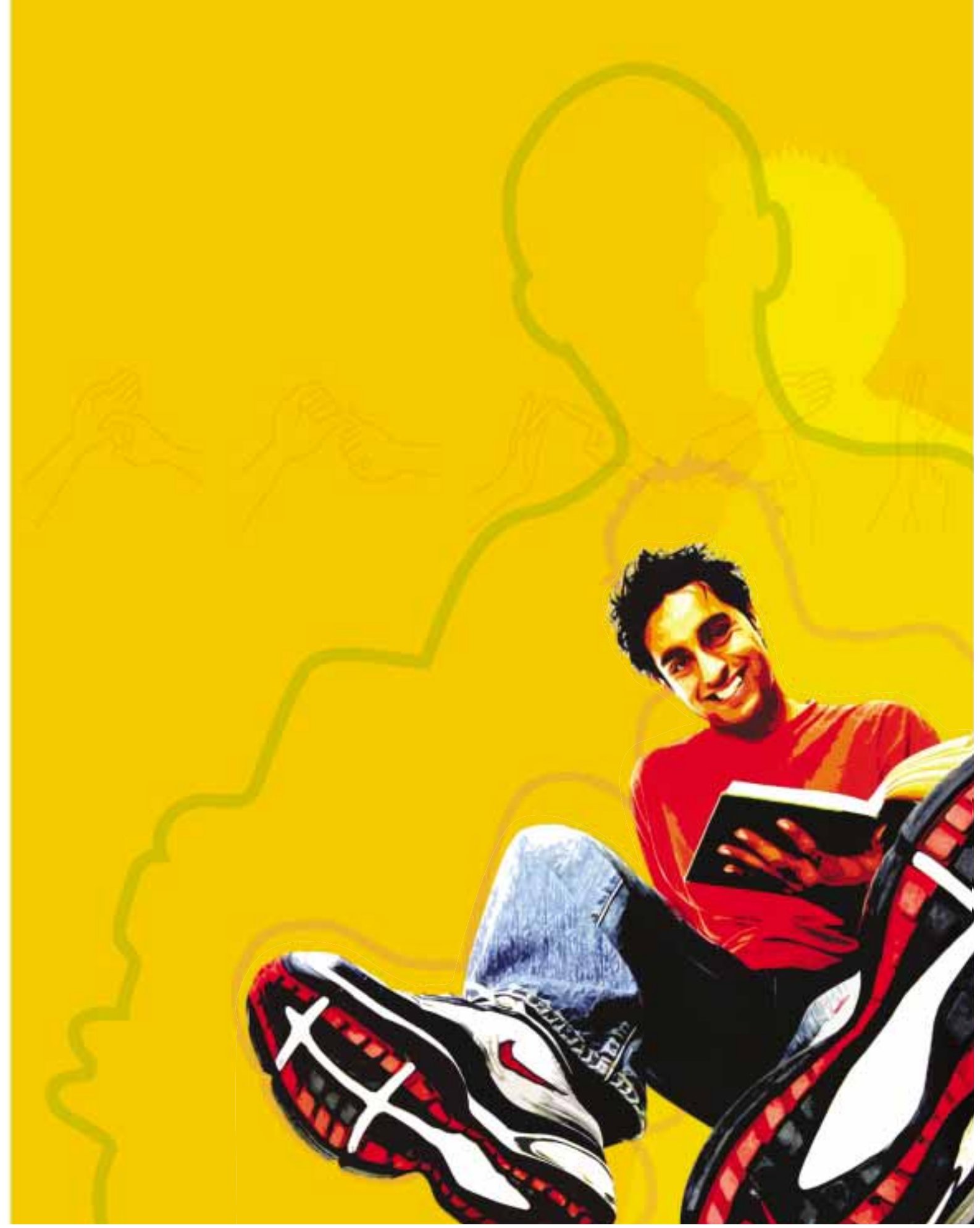
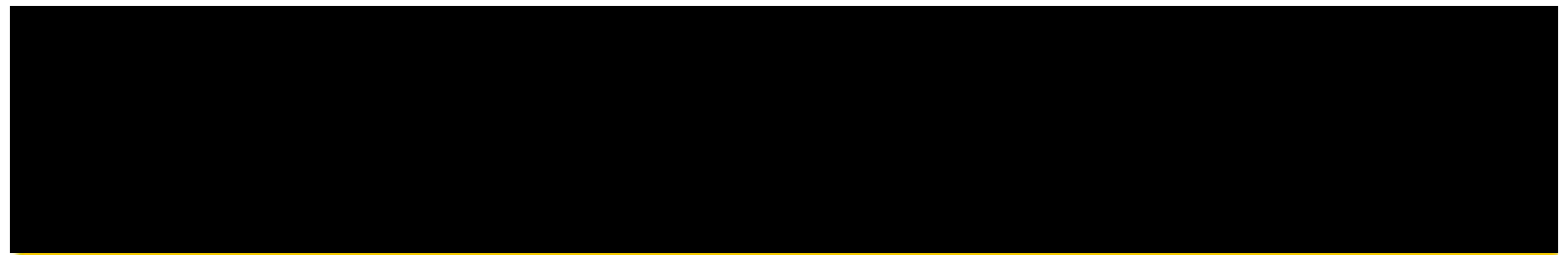
Are you already able to show your interest in the law and your resolve to qualify as a solicitor?

If you are able to answer a definite 'yes' to these questions but there is some substantial obstacle standing in the way of you achieving your goal, the Law Society's Diversity Access Scheme may be able to help.

The Diversity Access Scheme aims to help exceptionally talented, committed people overcome obstacles to entering the solicitors' profession.

The obstacles may relate to a disability of some kind, or to social, educational, financial or family circumstances.







The scheme can help in three ways. It can:

- Open up opportunities for students to gain relevant work experience
- Put students on the Legal Practice Course in touch with solicitor mentors who can help with the vital preparation for joining the profession and the search for a suitable job
- Provide, for a small number of students, a scholarship to pay the fees for the Common Professional Examination/Graduate Diploma in Law or the Legal Practice Course.

To be considered for assistance under the scheme you must be able to show clear evidence of your potential to make an exceptional contribution to the solicitors' profession and the society it serves.

Previous academic achievement alone will not be the test of this. You will need to point to other evidence that you have the full mix of skills and attributes to be a successful solicitor. Voluntary work, involvement in local community projects, hobbies, part-time and holiday jobs may have offered you opportunities to develop and demonstrate the right skills.

To be considered for a scholarship you will have to show that your financial need is exceptional. We expect that applications for scholarships will always outstrip the amount of funds available and therefore we must ensure that available funds are directed to those whose need is greatest.

To be considered for mentoring and help with job placements, you will need to show that you do not have certain advantages, such as close family connections with the legal profession or access to other, similarly beneficial opportunities.





Support will be available under the scheme for:

- Law undergraduates in their penultimate year of study
- Common Professional Examination / Graduate Diploma in Law students
- Legal Practice Course students
- Legal Practice Course graduates who have not secured a training contract.

Applicants will be selected strictly on the basis of merit and need.

In order to apply for support under the Diversity Access Scheme you should complete and return the enclosed application form.



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