

# THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

## *Memorandum of Regulations and Application Form* THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 2008

### GENERAL REGULATIONS:

Rhodes Scholarships are tenable at the University of Oxford, and are normally held for two years, the duration of most master's degrees and bachelor's degrees for those who already have another bachelor's degree, or for three years, the duration of many doctorates. Scholars may do a single one-year degree only, or may do two one-year degrees, but may not in the latter instance receive a third year's funding. At the discretion of the Rhodes Trustees, the scholarship may be renewed for a third year, for those pursuing a doctorate and whose progress is deemed satisfactory. For those for whom the University requires fees in a fourth year for the completion of a doctorate, and when no other external funding is available, the Trustees, at their discretion, will provide University and college fees for that year, but not a maintenance stipend. Scholars may not apply for the MBA or for the Master in Financial Economics (MFE) in their first year, but may apply for either of these one-year degrees for their second year. The Rhodes Trustees reserve the right to make changes in degree eligibility, funding, and other aspects of the Scholarship program at any time.

Thirty-two Scholarships are assigned annually to the United States of America. States are grouped into sixteen districts for the purpose of making these appointments. Each District Committee selects not more than two candidates who will represent the state or states within each district as Rhodes Scholars at Oxford. The names of Scholarship winners are announced at the close of the District Committee meetings. No alternates are selected.

After the successful candidates' election to Scholarships, the Warden of Rhodes House in Oxford seeks places for the Rhodes Scholars-elect in the departments and faculties and colleges of the University, following the candidates' preferences insofar as possible. Because the departments and colleges make their own admissions, there is no guarantee of a place in a particular department or college. All decisions on places rest in the hands of the University and the colleges. The award of the Scholarship is not confirmed by the Rhodes Trustees until the Scholar-elect has been accepted for admission by a faculty or department and by a college. Rhodes Scholars elected in November 2008 will enter the University of Oxford in October 2009. Scholars are required to be full-time students at Oxford for the duration of their degree programs and are required to reside in Oxford during term time except where they obtain the permission of the Warden. Deferment of the Scholarship is not allowed, nor may Scholars go off stipend during their scholarship tenure and return to stipend at a later date.

The value of a Rhodes Scholarship consists of a direct payment to the Scholar's college of all tuition fees (such as matriculation, tuition, and certain other set charges), plus a maintenance stipend (except for those receiving fourth-year fees) of not less than £11,500 per annum paid directly to the Scholar in installments during the term of the Scholarship. The sum provided should be sufficient to enable a Scholar to meet necessary expenses for term time and vacations, but those who can afford to supplement it to a modest extent from their own resources are advised to do so. For those receiving fourth-year fees for doctorates, Oxford living expenses are usually available through University teaching positions. The Rhodes Trustees will assist successful applicants with their traveling expenses to and from Oxford. Married applicants should bear in mind that the Scholarship stipend is sufficient only for one person, and that the Trust takes no financial responsibility for the support of a Scholar's spouse.

The tenure of a Rhodes Scholarship is dependent upon the maintenance of a standard of work and conduct, which, in the opinion of the Trustees, justifies the Scholarship. Tenure of other awards in conjunction with a Rhodes Scholarship is not permitted without prior consultation with the Warden of Rhodes House.

### CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants apply as a representative of one of the fifty states: either in the state in which they will have received at least two years of college training *and* a bachelor's degree before October 1, 2009, or in the state where they were legally resident on April 15, 2008. (Applicants are warned that selection committees are instructed to verify legal residence.) Simultaneous application to more than one District Committee will disqualify an applicant. At the time of application:

1. An applicant must be a citizen of the United States; pending application for citizenship does not qualify a person to apply.
2. An applicant, by October 1, 2008, must be at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age. (Applicants will be eligible who were born after October 1, 1984 and on or before October 1, 1990.)
3. An applicant must have achieved academic standing sufficiently advanced to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before October 1, 2009.

## BASIS OF SELECTION:

In considering applications, Committees of Selection will have regard to those qualities which Cecil Rhodes expressly listed in order to define the type of Scholar he desired.

Proven intellectual and academic achievement of a high standard is the first quality required of applicants, but they will also be required to show integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead, and the energy to use their talents to the full.

Mr. Rhodes believed that the last of these qualities was best tested through participation and success in sports. Participation in organized sports is not essential if applicants are able to demonstrate in other ways the physical vigor which will enable Rhodes Scholars to make an effective contribution to the world around them. Mr. Rhodes clearly expected such a contribution when he expressed the hope that Rhodes Scholars would come to "esteem the performance of public duties as [their] highest aim." From this statement one may infer that he expected his Scholars to play an influential part in the betterment of society, wherever their careers might take them. It does not necessarily presuppose a career in the public sector. Mr. Rhodes desired that his Scholars be intellectually, morally, and physically capable of leadership in any field.

Much of the distinctiveness of the Rhodes Scholarship arises from this comprehensive set of criteria. Intellectual excellence is obviously required, but not in isolation from other qualities. Mr. Rhodes sought Scholars who were more than "mere bookworms;" he wanted their intellectual talents to be combined with concern for others. Thus the Committees of Selection assign the highest importance to this blend of character with intellect.

Financial need gives no special claim to a Rhodes Scholarship. Moreover, the Will lays down that "no student shall be qualified or disqualified for election to a Scholarship on account of race or religious opinions."

The Rhodes Trust and Oxford University require that selection for a Scholarship and admission to the University will be *without regard to marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, sexual orientation, social background, or disability*.

## METHOD OF APPLYING:

Application, using the form in this Memorandum and furnishing the material specified, should be made to the Secretary of the appropriate District Committee of Selection as early as possible, and **in no case will an application with a postmark later than October 6, 2008 be accepted**. A list of Secretaries of District Committees of Selection is printed in this Memorandum.

A preliminary elimination will be made in all Districts on the basis of credentials. Committees of Selection will then invite selected applicants to a personal interview; no Scholar will be selected without such interview. Committees of Selection will meet on November 21 and 22, 2008.

**PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must pay their own expenses in appearing before Committees of Selection.**

The grouping of States into Districts is as follows:

<b>1</b> Connecticut Maine New Hampshire Rhode Island Vermont	<b>2</b> Massachusetts New Jersey	<b>3</b> New York	<b>4</b> Delaware Pennsylvania	<b>5</b> Kentucky Maryland/DC West Virginia	<b>6</b> Georgia North Carolina South Carolina	<b>7</b> Alabama Florida Tennessee	<b>8</b> Louisiana Texas
<b>9</b> Ohio Virginia	<b>10</b> Illinois Indiana	<b>11</b> Arkansas Kansas Mississippi Missouri	<b>12</b> Michigan Minnesota Wisconsin	<b>13</b> Arizona Colorado Nevada New Mexico Wyoming	<b>14</b> Iowa Montana Nebraska North Dakota Oklahoma South Dakota	<b>15</b> Alaska Hawaii Idaho Oregon Utah Washington	<b>16</b> California

## STANDING AT OXFORD:

A degree from an approved American college or university normally entitles an American Rhodes Scholar on arrival in Oxford to "Senior Status." Senior Status carries with it exemption from all examinations at Oxford prior to the "Final Honour Schools" (for the degree of B.A.) which may be taken with such status, and for most but not all B.A. degrees, after two years' residence. An appropriate undergraduate major is required for admission to a higher degree (beyond that of B.A.). Rhodes Scholars-elect wishing to pursue either a postgraduate degree or a second B.A. degree must communicate with the Warden of Rhodes House who will seek on their behalf acceptance by a faculty or department and by a college. The substantial majority of United States Rhodes Scholars now undertake graduate work at Oxford, usually pursuing masters' degrees.

Two samples of recent written work, approximately 2,000 words each, are required for admission to read for any degree in any subject other than a mathematical or scientific subject. These samples are only required of those elected to a Rhodes Scholarship.

## **COURSES OPEN TO RHODES SCHOLARS:**

Subject to the consent of their colleges and as long as it may be completed with Senior Status within two years, Scholars may read for the Oxford Bachelor of Arts in any of the Final Honour Schools. See the online *University of Oxford Undergraduate Prospectus*, available at [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/usp](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/usp). With the consent of the relevant departments or faculties and their colleges, Scholars may be admitted, if qualified by previous training, to read for higher degrees offered by the University, including the Bachelor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy, and Doctor of Philosophy. These graduate degrees are the choice of most Rhodes Scholars. With the consent of the relevant faculties and their colleges, they may also read for one-year Master of Science by Coursework or Master of Studies degrees, or other one-year degrees that are offered by the University. The MBA and the Master in Financial Economics may only be applied for in a Scholar's second year. The most complete and current listing of graduate degrees is in the *University of Oxford Graduate Studies Prospectus*, available at [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/gsp](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/gsp). Instructions will be given to applicants who are elected to Rhodes Scholarships about the two samples of recent written work which are required for admission to these programs.

**PLEASE NOTE: It is very difficult, and may be impossible, to change degree courses after admission to Oxford. Course selection requires careful consideration.**

## **INFORMATION ABOUT OXFORD:**

Applicants should study the academic system of the University of Oxford in order to determine if their plan of study is one which is feasible at Oxford. The best sources of information are the current issues of the *University of Oxford Undergraduate Prospectus* and *Graduate Studies Prospectus*. In addition, the Oxford University *Examination Decrees* is available for a charge from the Oxford University Press, 116 High Street, Oxford OX1 4BZ, England.

Copies of this Memorandum of Regulations and Application Form should be downloaded and printed for use in the competition in the United States. Additional information, including copies of a brochure, *Oxford and the Rhodes Scholarships*, giving information about the Scholarships and life and study at Oxford, may also be downloaded and printed. The United States Rhodes Scholarship web site, [www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org), also has a link to Oxford University's site.

Additional copies of the Memorandum of Regulations may be obtained upon request from Elliot F. Gerson, American Secretary, The Rhodes Trust, 8229 Boone Boulevard, Suite 240, Vienna, VA 22182 (e-mail: [amsec@rhodesscholar.org](mailto:amsec@rhodesscholar.org)).

***ELLIOT F. GERSON, AMERICAN SECRETARY  
ON BEHALF OF THE RHODES TRUST,  
RHODES HOUSE, OXFORD OX1 3RG, ENGLAND***

**DISTRICT SECRETARIES AND ADDRESSES  
TO WHICH APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT – 2008**

- District 1**..... BRUNS H. GRAYSON, ABS Ventures, 890 Winter Street, Suite 225, Waltham, MA 02451  
..... (Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)
- District 2**..... GERALD J. CARDINALE, Goldman Sachs & Company, 85 Broad Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10004  
..... (Massachusetts, New Jersey)
- District 3**..... PAUL M. DODYK, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Worldwide Plaza, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor, 825 8th Avenue,  
New York, NY 10019-7475  
..... (New York)
- District 4**..... BRUCE PARTRIDGE, Department of Astronomy, Haverford College, 370 Lancaster Avenue,  
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..... (Delaware, Pennsylvania)
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Athens, GA 30602-7223  
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- District 7**..... RALPH H. SMITH, Office of Counsel, University of Alabama System, 401 Queen City Avenue,  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401-1551  
..... (Alabama, Florida, Tennessee)
- District 8**..... KEITH P. ELLISON, United States Courthouse, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, TX 77002-2600  
..... (Louisiana, Texas)
- District 9**..... VISHWAJIT L. NIMGAONKAR, Department of Psychiatry/Human Genetics, University of Pittsburgh  
School of Medicine, WPIC, Room 441, 3811 O’Hara Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
..... (Ohio, Virginia)
- District 10** ..... GARY T. JOHNSON, Chicago History Museum, 1601 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614-6038  
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- District 11**..... NICHOLAS J. SPAETH, c/o Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, 801 Walnut Street, Suite 200,  
Des Moines, IA 50309-3513  
..... (Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri)
- District 12** ..... LOIS QUAM, 1647 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104  
..... (Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin)
- District 13** ..... SUSAN D. CAMPBELL, Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, 90 South Cascade Avenue, Suite 1300,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
..... (Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming)
- District 14**..... WILLIAM T. KERR, Meredith Corporation, 1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309  
..... (Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota)
- District 15** ..... ROBERT B. MITCHELL, K&L Gates LLP, 925 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2900, Seattle, WA 98104-1158  
..... (Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington)
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513 Parnassus Avenue, Room S224, Campus Box 0410, San Francisco, CA 94143-0410  
..... (California)

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## Application Procedures

### I. Institutional Endorsement

The applicant must be endorsed by an institution where he or she will have completed two years of full-time undergraduate study and received a bachelor's degree before October 1, 2009, or by their graduate institution. It is preferred that applicants in their first year of graduate study receive an endorsement from the undergraduate institution from which they received their degree; for those in their second or later year of graduate study, the preference is for the endorsement to come from the graduate institution. The "Institutional Endorsement" form (Pages A-2 and A-3) must be supplied by the applicant to the president, dean, or other official responsible for graduate fellowships who will then send it directly to the Secretary of the relevant District Committee of Selection.

**THE INSTITUTIONAL ENDORSEMENT MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 14, 2008.**

### II. Letters of Appraisal

The applicant must give each person asked to write on his or her behalf a reproduction of the attached "Request for Letter of Appraisal" form (Page A-4), and request that they send **TEN** copies of their letters directly to the Secretary of the relevant District Committee of Selection.

**THE LETTERS OF APPRAISAL MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 14, 2008.**

### III. Applicant Materials

The applicant must submit **TEN sets of the following materials**. One set should be marked as **ORIGINAL** and should contain the originals of each of the requested documents. The other nine sets may be photocopies. Each set of materials should be arranged in the following order and should not be stapled. Please note that the application process for the Rhodes Scholarships requires that the applicant must personally submit these items; institutions may not submit these items on behalf of the applicant. It is advised that applicants obtain proof of mailing.

1. The completed "Application Blank" (Page A-5), signed in ink.
2. A signed short personal statement describing the applicant's academic and other interests. This statement should describe the *specific area of proposed study* and the applicant's reasons for wishing to study at Oxford, and it must conclude with the following signed statement: "I certify that this essay is my own work." This personal essay *must not exceed* 1,000 words in length (approximately four double-spaced pages) and should be written in as simple and direct a manner as possible. It should be set in a typeface no smaller than 10 points. Selection Committees will place special emphasis on this personal essay, and it will be forwarded to Oxford colleges to which Rhodes Scholars-elect apply for admission.
3. A succinct pertinent list of principal activities and honors in college (including prizes, scholarships, offices held; athletic record; extracurricular interests and substantial activities) with dates. This must not exceed two pages in length, and should be set in a typeface no smaller than 10 points.
4. The applicant's college transcript. The copy attached to the **ORIGINAL MUST** be certified by the Registrar or other responsible official; the other nine copies may be photocopies. If an applicant has attended more than one college or university, **one certified ORIGINAL and nine copies of all transcripts MUST be submitted**. (Transcript requirements are also discussed in Section III, Question 23, of the Q&A document available at [www.rhodes scholar.org](http://www.rhodes scholar.org).)

**PLEASE NOTE: Committees may, in their discretion, reject any personal statement or list of activities which fails to meet these requirements.**

In addition, the following materials should be included with the set of materials marked **ORIGINAL**:

1. **ONE photocopy** of the applicant's passport (preferable, if available), birth certificate, or other proof of age and citizenship.
2. **TEN** copies of an unmounted head and shoulders photograph of the applicant (color or black and white, passport size or slightly larger, no photocopies) with the applicant's signature on the back of each. The photos must not be stapled to the application but should be submitted in an envelope clipped to the **ORIGINAL**. Amateur snapshots will not be accepted.

The applicant should retain one copy of the application blank, personal statement, list of principal activities and transcript in the event the application package is lost in transit.

**APPLICANT MATERIALS WITH A POSTMARK LATER THAN OCTOBER 6, 2008  
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

(PLEASE NOTE: If the applicant materials are delivered by hand, they must be received by October 6; if they are delivered by an express mail service, there must be proof of receipt by that service by October 6. Applicants are advised to obtain proof of mailing.)

A list of Rhodes Scholars-elect will be posted at [www.rhodes scholar.org](http://www.rhodes scholar.org) on November 23 or 24, 2008.

## **RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS – 2008**

### **Institutional Endorsement**

The criteria which Mr. Rhodes set forth in his Will still guide Committees of Selection in their assessment of applicants. The Will contains four standards by which prospective Rhodes Scholars should be judged:

- (1) literary and scholastic attainments;
- (2) energy to use one's talents to the full, as exemplified by fondness for and success in sports;
- (3) truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship;
- (4) moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

Proven intellectual and academic quality of a high standard is the first quality required of applicants. The intellectual standard sought is very high. It is unlikely that a candidate will be successful unless he or she is sufficiently able academically to be admitted to one of America's most selective graduate schools.

Beyond academic distinction, however, candidates will also be required to show integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead, and the energy to use their talents to the full. Mr. Rhodes believed that the last of these qualities was best tested through participation and success in sports. Participation in organized sports is not essential if applicants are able to demonstrate in other ways the physical vigor which will enable Rhodes Scholars to make an effective contribution to the world around them. Mr. Rhodes clearly expected such a contribution when he expressed the hope that Rhodes Scholars would come to "esteem the performance of public duties as [their] highest aim." From this statement one may infer that he expected his Scholars to play an influential part in the betterment of society, wherever their careers might take them. It does not necessarily presuppose a career in the public sector. Mr. Rhodes desired that his Scholars be intellectually, morally, and physically capable of leadership in any field.

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The Committees of Selection for the Rhodes Scholarships will have available for study a copy of the applicant's academic transcript, a statement of the applicant's academic and other interests and reasons for wishing to study at Oxford, and a statement of extracurricular activities and interests.

**A letter of evaluation providing additional information about the applicant, which the institution may submit with its endorsement, will be useful in assisting the Selection Committee's evaluation of the applicant, and will be helpful to the Oxford authorities in determining the Rhodes Scholar-elect's suitability for admission. While these evaluation letters are not required, experience suggests that such additional information from an institutional perspective may be quite advantageous to applicants.**

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**RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS – 2008**  
**Institutional Endorsement**

*This part of the form to be completed by the applicant:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant

**To the President, Dean, or other official responsible for graduate fellowships:**

I wish to make application for a Rhodes Scholarship from the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

Please complete this form and submit it directly to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Secretary of District Committee of Selection

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

*This part of the form to be completed by the institutional official:*

**The applicant named above has been selected to represent**

**\_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

**NOTE:** An undergraduate institution may endorse an applicant who has satisfactorily completed two years of full-time study and received a bachelor's degree, or will have in the year following the Rhodes Scholarship application. It is preferred that applicants in their first year of graduate study receive an endorsement from the undergraduate institution from which they received their degree; for those in their second or later year of graduate study, the preference is for the endorsement to come from the graduate institution.

Colleges and universities are invited to organize committees competent to comment on the relative merits of applicants for the Rhodes Scholarships. The criteria used by Committees of Selection are explained in the attachment (Page A-2). **Institutions are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of evaluation with this form to the Secretary of the relevant Committee of Selection.** This letter will be used by Selection Committees, and, in the event of the applicant's election to a Rhodes Scholarship, will be forwarded to the authorities in Oxford for consideration of the Rhodes Scholar-elect's admission to an academic program and to a college of the University of Oxford.

***If a letter of evaluation is prepared, please send the ORIGINAL and NINE copies with this form directly to the District Secretary named above. Although letters are encouraged, applications from endorsed applicants will be considered whether or not letters of evaluation are submitted.***

**This form must be submitted to the Secretary of the relevant District Committee of Selection  
TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 14, 2008.**

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### Request for Letter of Appraisal

**Instructions to the applicant:**

Please distribute reproductions of this form to persons whom you have asked to furnish letters of appraisal, and ensure that the name and address of the Secretary of the District Committee of Selection for the state in which application is made is correctly supplied in the space at the bottom.

Please sign one of the statements to the right of these instructions: (It should be noted that the options indicated pertain only to the access which might be accorded to a student to materials in college or university files. Applicants have no claim to letters written on their behalf which are in possession of the Committees of Selection for the Rhodes Scholarships and the Rhodes Trust.)

I hereby forego any claim to access to letters of appraisal written on behalf of my application for a Rhodes Scholarship.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to forego claim to access to letters of appraisal written on behalf of my application for a Rhodes Scholarship.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Information for the person from whom a letter of appraisal has been requested:**

The person whose name is given above is an applicant for a Rhodes Scholarship. The Committee of Selection will be grateful if you will provide a candid statement regarding this applicant's qualifications **to be received by the Secretary of the relevant District Committee of Selection not later than October 14, 2008.**

The Committee will have available for study a copy of the applicant's academic transcript, a statement of the applicant's academic and other interests and reasons for wishing to study at Oxford, and a statement of extracurricular activities and interests. Detailed information which can enrich the Committee's understanding of these records will be especially welcomed. Academic referees should note that their letters written on behalf of a successful applicant will be used by Oxford colleges for determining the Rhodes Scholar-elect's suitability for admission. In the case of proposed graduate study, these letters will also be evaluated to ascertain the Rhodes Scholar-elect's qualifications for such advanced work. Consequently, detailed assessments of the applicant's academic qualifications will be particularly helpful.

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It is not expected that you will be able to speak from first-hand knowledge of the applicant's qualifications under all those criteria. If you are primarily acquainted with the applicant through a teacher/pupil relationship, you are requested to concentrate particularly on academic quality and potential (bearing in mind that your reference will be used for admissions procedures at Oxford University), although your assessment of the other qualities will be very welcome to the Committee. If, on the other hand, you are better acquainted with the applicant through non-academic interests, you are requested to concentrate on assessment of character in the knowledge that the Committee is looking for persons who show promise of outstanding achievement in later life. Please do not hesitate to speak of the applicant's limitations as well as strong points. Committees tend naturally to be dubious of appraisals that imply a given individual has no limitations whatever.

**LETTERS OF APPRAISAL MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 14, 2008.** No assurance can be given that the Committee will be in a position to make use of letters received after that date. The Committee deeply appreciates your help in this matter.

**Please mail this form and TEN copies of your letter of appraisal to the Secretary of the Committee of Selection for**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*District*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of District Secretary*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City, State, Zip Code*

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## Application Blank

To the SECRETARY, Committee of Selection, District \_\_\_\_\_ (enter District number)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to make application for a Rhodes Scholarship from the State of \_\_\_\_\_

where I was legally resident on April 15, 2008 (proof of legal residency may be required);

where I will have received \_\_\_\_\_ years of college training and a bachelor's degree from \_\_\_\_\_ before October 1, 2009.

I am a citizen of the United States. The date and place of my birth were \_\_\_\_\_

I have had college or university training as follows (college or university attended, years attended, and degrees, if any):

Undergraduate major \_\_\_\_\_

At Oxford I hope to enroll for the degree of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

In applying for a higher degree, I understand that my undergraduate major and other academic work I have done must be relevant to the proposed subject and of a standard high enough to warrant admission to a graduate degree program. In addition, I understand that in certain subjects two academic papers of approximately 2,000 words each will be required for admission, but only following election.

**REFEREES** (The names and addresses of not fewer than five nor more than eight referees should be listed here; at least four of these must be persons from whom the applicant has received undergraduate or graduate instruction.)

**Please place a check mark by the four (minimum) referees from whom you have received undergraduate or graduate instruction:**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you apply from your state of legal residence and do not have a permanent street address where you reside in that state, written proof of residency MUST accompany the application and MUST be attached to the one set of application materials marked **ORIGINAL**. If a doubt exists regarding your eligibility in a state, the decision of the American Secretary will be final. (Residency rules are also discussed in Section III, Questions 8-13, of the Q&A document available at [www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org).)

**Address where you can be reached prior to the November elections:**

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please note the materials required to accompany this Application Blank (see Page A-1).

Applicants will find printed in this Memorandum (Page M-4) the name and address of the person in each District to whom these materials should be sent. Information on any point concerning which the applicant may be in doubt can be obtained from the Secretary of the Committee of Selection in the appropriate District or from Elliot F. Gerson, American Secretary, The Rhodes Trust, 8229 Boone Boulevard, Suite 240, Vienna, VA 22182 (e-mail: [amsec@rhodesscholar.org](mailto:amsec@rhodesscholar.org)).

**N.B. Applicants for Rhodes Scholarships are personally required to submit these materials directly to the appropriate District Secretary. Institutions must not prepare or assemble materials on the applicant's behalf.**

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(PLEASE NOTE: If the materials are delivered by hand, they must be received by October 6; if they are delivered by an express mail service, there must be proof of receipt by that service by October 6. Applicants are advised to obtain proof of mailing.)