Rhodes Scholarship: Campus Application Instructions

APPLICANT CAMPUS DEADLINE: 9 September 2014
RECOMMENDER CAMPUS DEADLINE: 16 September 2014

The following instructions pertain only to citizens and permanent residents of the United States ([www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/united-states](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/united-states)) and Canada ([www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/canada](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/canada)); citizens of all other Rhodes eligible countries should check the Rhodes website regarding their eligibility for application as a student in the US.

Rhodes Scholars are selected each year from Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica and Commonwealth Caribbean, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, Southern Africa (including South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, and Swaziland), United States, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Please note that each country has its own eligibility requirements, application materials, selection criteria and submission deadlines. These may vary considerably. Some official submission deadlines occur as early as August 1st.

Step 1: Register/Create a Rhodes Application Account:

- **IMPT:** Only create the account at this time. DO NOT submit anything, including the names of your recommenders, until your application is approved by Dean Goldberg! This is VERY IMPORTANT. We cannot provide you with the necessary letter of institutional endorsement without first approving your application prior to its submission!!!!
- Once you have created an account, you may save your work, but **DO NOT submit it** using the electronic Rhodes application system, even if you believe it is complete. Dean Goldberg, on behalf of the Campus Selection Committee, will let you know when you may electronically submit your application. Until that time, we prefer that you work on your application off-line.
- **DO NOT register the names of your recommenders** at this time. Once you submit their names/register them using the on-line application, the application program manager will contact those individuals requesting that they submit their letters of recommendation on-line. Once a letter is submitted on-line, it is very difficult for a recommender to retrieve and/or revise the letter.
- Notify Dean Goldberg ([goldbeja@lafayette.edu](mailto:goldbeja@lafayette.edu); [externalscholarships@lafayette.edu](mailto:externalscholarships@lafayette.edu)) of your plans to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Step 2: Submit the following materials to Dean Goldberg no later than 9 September 2014 as WORD documents using the “Submit Materials” tab on our website.

1. Detailed Resume with Dates (no more than 2 pages)
The Resume should include a pertinent list of college and other activities, leadership positions, honors (including prizes and scholarships), research, publications, conferences attended, etc.

For examples or more information on competitive resumes visit: http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/your-resume-2/

2. Personal Statement of no more than 1000 words.

- The Personal Statement describes your academic and other interests. Additionally, it should describe the specific area of proposed study and your reasons for wishing to study in Ireland at the institutions selected.
- It should convey this information in a manner that SHOWS rather than TELLS
- It is NOT a narrative rendition of your Resume.
- For more information on how to write a strong personal statement visit: http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/writing-essays/
- The Rhodes Selection Committee will place special emphasis on this personal statement.

3. The names of 5 - 8 individuals (6, if you are a Canadian citizen) who have agreed to write you STRONG letters of recommendation in support of your Rhodes application. At least 4 of those 5-8 LORs must be from individuals who have taught or supervised your work while in college. (For Canadian applicants, 3 of those letters must be from individuals who have supervised your work while in college and of the six letters, 4 must comment on your academic preparation for study at Oxford.)

- Information on securing strong LORs is available on our website at http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/letters-of-recommendation-lors/
- Information on writing strong LORs is available on the Rhodes website as well as on our website at http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/advice-for-recommenders-2/

4. Submit the following materials as hard copies to Dean Goldberg (105 Scott Hall):

- Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended
- Signed copy of the Lafayette “Nomination Permission and Waiver Form” http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/scholarships/apply-through-lafayette/

6. Remember: Do not submit anything using the Rhodes on-line application at this time! Work off-line until told to do otherwise by Dean Goldberg.

Step 3: Recommendation Letters - Deadline 16 September 2014

- Letters may be DRAFT/Preliminary letters, and are for the purposes of the Campus Selection Committee at this time.

- Information on what scholarship committees like to see in letters of recommendation is available on the Rhodes website as well as our website. Additionally, Dean Goldberg will be happy to speak with recommenders regarding their Rhodes letter of recommendation.
• Letters should be sent to Dean Goldberg via email as WORD document attachments to goldbeja@lafayette.edu or externalscholarships@lafayette.edu.

• We ask that recommenders refrain from submitting their letters through the Rhodes electronic application program at this time. If, however, they mistakenly do so, please ask that they provide Dean Goldberg with a copy of their letter.

The reason we ask that they refrain from submitting their LORs directly onto the Rhodes application website is because this your application will probably be revised, sometimes substantially, after meeting with the Campus Committee and you will want your letters of recommendation to reflect your revised proposal. Even minor discrepancies can hurt your application.

Moreover, once a letter has been electronically uploaded into the application program, it is difficult to retrieve and revise that letter. The best advice, therefore, is to have recommenders refrain from officially submitting their letters using the Rhodes application until later in the application process.

• Remember: Letters are a critically important component of both the Campus Selection and Endorsement process as well as the regional/official selection process. If the letter is submitted on-line using the Rhodes electronic application system prior to the campus selection process, your application will be disadvantaged. Therefore, PLEASE, PLEASE have your recommenders refrain from submitting their letters directly to the Rhodes Scholarship until the Campus Selection and Endorsement process is completed!!!

Questions:

If you or your recommenders have any questions about the Rhodes Scholarship or campus application process, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Goldberg at goldbeja@lafayette.edu, externalscholarships@lafayette.edu, or 610.330.5521.