

# 2010 Rhodes Scholarship Campus Application Instructions

**APPLICANT CAMPUS DEADLINE: 20 August 2010.**  
**RECOMMENDER CAMPUS DEADLINE: 7 September 2010.**

## Campus Application Instructions

### Step 1: Register/Create a Rhodes Application Account

- Applicants must register/create an account with Rhodes ([www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org))
- We only want you to **create an account** at this time. Once you have created an account, you may **save** your work, but **DO NOT** submit it, even if you believe it is complete, until Dean Goldberg, on behalf of the Campus Selection Committee, has given you permission to do so. 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, Embark, the application management program, 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)) of your plans to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship.

**Step 2: Submit the following materials to Dean Goldberg no later than 20 August 2010 as WORD documents via email to [externalscholarships@lafayette.edu](mailto:externalscholarships@lafayette.edu).**

- a) Detailed Resume/CV with Dates (no more than 2 pages)
  - The Resume/CV should include a pertinent list of college and other activities, leadership positions, honors (including prizes and scholarships), research, publications, conferences attended, etc.
  - It should include dates
- b) 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 at Oxford.
  - It should convey this information in a manner that **SHOWS** rather than **TELLS** readers of your intellectual journey.
  - It is **NOT** a narrative rendition of your Resume/CV.
  - The Rhodes Selection Committee will place special emphasis on this personal statement.
- c) The names of 5-8 individuals who have agreed to write you **STRONG** letters of recommendation in support of your Rhodes Application
  - The Rhodes requires a minimum of 5 letters of recommendation
  - At least 4 of those letters of recommendation must be from individuals who have taught or supervised your work while in college.
  - Other letters (beyond the 4) may be from individuals who are providing non-academic or character references.
- d) Obtain and submit hard copies of Official Transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended since graduating from high school.
  - Transcripts should be sent to Dean Goldberg, 105 Scott Hall. If you studied abroad, ask the registrar's office to include a certified copy of the study abroad transcript.

- e) Complete and return the campus “Nomination Permission and Waiver Form” available at <http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/scholarships/apply-through-lafayette/>
- **Remember:** Do not submit anything through the Rhodes on-line application at this time. Work off-line until told to do otherwise by Dean Goldberg.

### Step 3: Recommendation Letters

- Deadline for receipt of Recommendation Letters: **7 September 2010.**
- Letters may be DRAFT/Preliminary letters, and are for the purposes of the Campus Selection Committee.
- Information on what scholarship committees like to see in letters of recommendation is available on the [externalscholarships.lafayette.edu](http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu) website. Additionally, Dean Goldberg will be happy to speak with recommenders regarding their Mitchell letter of recommendation.
- Letters should be sent to Dean Goldberg. They should be sent as email attachments to [goldbeja@lafayette.edu](mailto:goldbeja@lafayette.edu).
- We ask that recommenders refrain from submitting their letters through the Rhodes Application program at this time.

The reason this is important is that 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 since even minor disconnects can hurt your application.

Moreover, once a letter has been electronically uploaded into the application program, it is impossible 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.

- Letters are an important component of the Campus Selection and Endorsement process. If the letter is submitted on-line using the Rhodes electronic application system prior to the campus selection process, your application will be at a disadvantage. 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](mailto:goldbeja@lafayette.edu), [externalscholarships@lafayette.edu](mailto:externalscholarships@lafayette.edu), or 610.330.5521.