

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

AUSTRALIA

MEMORANDUM

FOR SELECTION FOR 2013 ONLY

(This Memorandum cancels those issued for previous years)

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This document assumes that you have read and are familiar with the criteria for the Rhodes Scholarships, available on the main Rhodes website. For detailed conditions of tenure, view the document at www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Application/Conditions-of-Tenure.pdf

1. Closing date

- a. Your application must be submitted online on or before 3 September 2012.

2. Eligibility criteria

- a. Candidates must have completed (or be due to complete by December 2012) either at least four years of undergraduate study (normally a Bachelor's degree with First or Upper Second Class Honours, or a combined degree with First or Upper Second Class results) or an equivalent combination of undergraduate and postgraduate study at a degree awarding body in Australia or overseas.
- b. You must be an Australian citizen and have been resident in Australia for at least five of the last ten years. Candidates with dual citizenship may not apply in more than one of the countries in which they are citizens.
- c. You must be at least 18 years and younger than 25 years by 1 October 2012. This means applicants must have been born after 30 September 1987 and on or before 1 October, 1993.
- d. The Rhodes Trust and Oxford University require that selection for a Scholarship and for admission to the University will be without regard to marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, sex and gender, religion, sexual orientation, social background, disability, caste or other irrelevant distinction.

- e. A selection committee will make no nomination if it is of the opinion that there is no sufficiently qualified candidate.
- f. In addition, you must be available for interview in person at the time of selection in the State of Australia where you make your application and for the Australia-At-Large interviews held in Canberra usually in early December.

3. Application procedure

- a. Applicants must apply online at **<https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust>**
- b. Each candidate may make only one application per year, in either of the following ways:
 - i. You must apply in the State in which you have received, or will receive, your first degree.
 - ii. Candidates educated in the ACT (or other territory of the Commonwealth) must apply directly for the Australia-at-Large Scholarships.

Please note that following the State and Territory selections, up to two candidates may be nominated by each State or Territory Selection Committee to automatically progress to the Australia-at-Large round.

All candidates from outside Australia should contact the Australian secretary for advice on how and where to apply.

- c. All candidates are required to submit a complete electronic application no later than 5pm, local time, 3 September 2012. If submitting from overseas, submissions must be completed by 5pm Eastern Standard Time, 3 September 2012. An authorisation code to access the application form is available from the relevant State Secretary, or from the Australia-at-Large Secretary for candidates from a Commonwealth Territory. This authorisation code is available from June and should be obtained at least two weeks prior to the due date to allow completion of the electronic application in good time and to allow for all appropriate materials to be assembled.

4. Information to be submitted with application

- a. You must submit a completed application form on-line at <https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust> with a scanned copy or word version of the documents and information detailed below:
 - i. Your certified birth certificate. For those candidates not born in Australia, please also submit official documents to validate Australian citizenship.
 - ii. Your complete academic record from all universities or institutes of higher education attended, formally certified by the Registrar of the University or College.
 - iii. A photograph of yourself. This must be a head and shoulder colour photograph of good quality and a standard size of 15cm x 10cm (6" x 4").

- iv. Your curriculum vitae, showing details of: what you have achieved at high school, college or university; your involvement in student or community affairs, cultural, sporting or political activities; your leadership roles; details of any employment or enterprise you have undertaken during your studies or thereafter and; any other significant achievements, prizes, scholarships, publications, languages or involvements. This must not exceed two pages of 12-point Times font and must not include additional documents.
- v. A statement of no more than 1500 words which includes:
 - a. Your general interests and activities and what you plan to do with your life once you have completed your studies at Oxford.
 - b. Your aims and priorities and the contribution you have made and would like to make to society.
 - c. The course of study and degree you wish to undertake at Oxford. Also demonstrate that you are able to meet the requirements of the specific course you have chosen. (Candidates are advised that it is a requirement of admission to all post-graduate, and some other courses, to submit samples of written work. The regulations concerning this can be found in the *Oxford Graduate Studies Prospectus*. Some courses also require successful completion of the GRE or GMAT).
 - d. If you plan to undertake a DPhil you must provide a brief outline of your proposed research and show evidence that you have been in contact with a researcher in Oxford.

Your personal statement is a very important part of your application. **It is very important for you to have considered what course and degree you wish to follow at Oxford before you submit your application.** It is a good idea to discuss your proposed course of study with your professors or lecturers in that field, and, if possible, with someone who has knowledge of United Kingdom universities. Additional sources of information are the current issues of the *University of Oxford Graduate Prospectus* and the *University of Oxford Undergraduate Prospectus* available online at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions>, as well as departmental websites.

- vi. A list of six referees who can write a reference for you by the due date.
 - a. You need to provide contact details, including phone numbers and email addresses for all of your referees.
 - b. Choose reliable people who are likely to respond to requests for written reports as their reports will be crucial to your application. Ask their permission before listing them as referees.
 - c. At least three of your referees should be academics who have taught you at university and who can comment on your academic ability and your suitability for Study at Oxford.
 - d. One referee must be able to write of your school days.

- e. Other referees can include teachers and other persons who are able to comment critically on whether you fulfil the requirements Rhodes set out in his Will. A good referee is one who knows you well, rather than a well-known person who only knows you superficially. It is not advisable to get close contemporaries or personal friends to be referees.

It is neither necessary nor desirable to include certificates or testimonials other than those required.

- vii. Include your home address, mobile phone number and email address.
- viii. All documents must be in English or English translations must be provided.
- ix. CD-Rom and emailed applications will not be accepted.
- x. After lodging your application on-line please submit a hard copy of your application and all supporting documents to your State or Territory secretary by the application due date. Please remember that all documents will be photocopied, so do not bind, staple or clip them in a folder.

5. Interviews

Selection Committees will invite candidates they wish to see to a personal interview. No candidate will be selected without a personal interview. The final selection is confirmed by the Rhodes Trustees, who rely on selection procedures undertaken by selection committees in each constituency.

Applicants who cannot present in person to the relevant selection committee interviews will not be considered. For your guidance, the State selection committees usually meet in October/November and the Australia-At-Large Committee meets in Canberra usually in early December.

For further information about the Rhodes Trust and the Rhodes Scholarships, see www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk

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