



THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP 2013

HONG KONG

Guidance for Referees

Thank you for your willingness to act as referee for an applicant for the Rhodes Scholarship. The following notes are intended to serve as a guide.

In considering applications, the Selection Committee will have regard to those qualities which Mr. Cecil Rhodes expressly listed to define the type of Scholar he desired. All letters of recommendation in support of the Applicant's application should therefore aim to inform the Selection Committee, of the extent to which the Applicant exhibits the qualities outlined below.

- (a) **Academic excellence** is the first and indispensable quality required of all applicants, but the Founder expressly desired that his Scholars should not be mere 'bookworms'. It is important however, that Rhodes Scholars should have the high academic competence necessary for them to be able to cope with the demands of academic life at Oxford University, while still being able to take advantage of the opportunity to experience all that Oxford has to offer.
- (b) A Rhodes Scholar must be a **contributor to the community**, whether the contribution is made in intellectual, cultural activities, sporting activities or public life.
- (c) Rhodes Scholars must show **integrity of character** and exhibit a **desire to serve**, as well as the **instinct and ability to lead**.
- (d) Rhodes Scholars must demonstrate a **genuine concern for, and commitment to their fellow human beings** and must be possessed of the **mental, moral and physical stamina** to fulfil ambitions in whatever area of life they may eventually make their careers.

Please indicate clearly, **the name of the Applicant** to whom the letter relates, **and provide a reliable postal, telephone and email contact** on which you may be reached in the event that the Applicant's application is to receive further consideration from the Selection Committee. Where any referee cannot be contacted through the contact addresses and numbers provided, the Applicant's application will be seriously prejudiced.

The Selection Committee would prefer your letter of recommendation to be **on headed paper, signed, and uploaded in pdf format**.

Your letter will only be viewed by the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee and the Secretariat. If the Applicant is successful, the letter will also be forwarded to the Rhodes Trust, Oxford, for onward submission to the University of Oxford as part of the applicant's application for graduate study.

Please submit your letter of recommendation online or by email to info@oxfordchina.org by 24 September 2012 (Hong Kong Time).

In case of further enquiry, please write to: The Rhodes Administrator and Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Selection Committee, c/o University of Oxford China Office, Suite 4018, Cosco Tower, Grand Millennium Plaza, 181-183 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong Tel: 852 2151 3877 Fax: 852 2151 1109 Email: info@oxfordchina.org

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