1) WHAT COSTS DOES A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

A Rhodes Scholarship covers:
- All University and College fees;
- The University application fee;
- A personal stipend which is fixed by the Trustees (£13,681 per annum 2015-16);
- One economy class airfare to Oxford at the start of the scholarship and one economy flight back to the student’s home country at the conclusion of the scholarship;
- International Health Charge.

2) HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP?

Please read the information here:
www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/rhodesscholarship

There is an online application process followed by in person interviews for the shortlisted candidates.

3) WHAT COURSE OF STUDY CAN A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP BE USED FOR?

It can be used for the vast majority of courses of study offered by the University of Oxford. However, it is more than just support for a degree, it is an investment in an individual’s potential. Rhodes House offers a comprehensive Service and Leadership programme which includes workshops, speaker series and retreats.

4) WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP?

The Rhodes Scholarship is a life-changing opportunity for exceptional young people with the potential to make a difference for good in the world. A Rhodes Scholar joins a remarkable global community of Senior Scholars working across all sectors. It is a life-long connection which goes far beyond financial value.

5) WHEN DOES A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP COMMENCE?

Scholars come into residence in Oxford in October of the year following their selection.
6) HOW IMPORTANT IS THE PERSONAL ESSAY/STATEMENT?

It is crucial. The requirements vary by country - consult the Memorandum for Candidates for your country. Keep in mind that the personal statement is your chance to tell your story: who you are, what matters to you, and what you hope to do in the world. Your academic transcript, your list of activities/CV and your reference letters will provide the substantive detail of your commitments and accomplishments, but this essay gives you the opportunity to cast the overarching narrative for the selection committee. You would also need to give a clear statement of what you wish to study at Oxford and why. The personal statement must be entirely your own work.

7) WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AT THE INTERVIEW?

Selection committees are made up of Rhodes Scholars and community leaders from diverse backgrounds. The interview is of core importance as it is here that selection committees have the opportunity to weigh up a candidate’s depth of engagement, accomplishments, and aspirations. In posing their questions, committee members initiate discussion that will help them ascertain who best represents the selection criteria. Proven intellectual and academic attainment of a high standard is the first quality required of Scholars, but they are also required to show exceptional character, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and a commitment to service in the public good. The interview will therefore be wide-ranging in nature, designed to test candidates’ intellectual skills and reasoning ability, but also to reveal their character, core commitments, and potential to make a positive contribution to society.

8) WHAT ARE THE RESTRICTIONS?

Please check the citizenship and age requirements for your particular country. Married students are very welcome to apply but 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/partner. Rhodes House warmly welcomes the partners of Rhodes Scholars, who are invited to Rhodes events.