

Prestigious Scholarships at OSU  
2016 Information Session

# Oxford University



# Rhodes Scholarships: Overview

- 32 scholarships given each year to U.S. Citizens—two scholars selected per geographical district ([16 districts](#)).
- **District 14 – Seattle, WA**  
(Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington)
- Two or three-year period of study at Oxford.
- Any academic field of study at Oxford.
- Scholarship covers all fees and tuition in addition to a living stipend and other expenses.

# Rhodes Scholarships: Eligibility

**At the time of application, an applicant must be:**

- a citizen of the United States, or
- a lawful permanent resident of the United States prior to and including at least 5 years of the application deadline.
- at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age (i.e., the applicant must still be 23 on October 1 in the year of application).
- sufficiently advanced academically to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before October 1 in the year following election.

# Rhodes Scholarships: Criteria

- Academic excellence
- Leadership potential
- Community engagement
- Research experiences
- Clear academic & career goals
- Contribution to social change

# Rhodes Scholarships

## Steps in the Application Process:

### 1) Gather information

- Be well informed about Oxford and the course of study you wish to pursue
- Make an individual appointment with LeAnn. You will also be referred to OSU faculty with experience at Oxford or in the UK.

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## Steps in the Application Process:

2) Prepare for the campus deadline (September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016):

- five, but not more than eight, letters of recommendation.
- a personal statement not exceeding 1000 words which the applicant must attest as wholly truthful and his or her own work.
- a list of principal activities.
- proof of citizenship or lawful permanent resident status.
- official transcript(s).

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## Steps in the Application Process:

- 3) Participate in a campus interview
- 4) OSU provides a letter of endorsement
- 5) National deadline: October 5, 2016

Finalists are required to attend a personal interview in November (always the Friday and Saturday before the Thanksgiving holiday)



# Rhodes Scholarships: Should I apply?

Good Questions to Ask:

Will I be on campus for interviews and deadlines?

Do I have the time and energy to commit to this process?

Do I know what I want to study at Oxford, or am I prepared to research my options?

Is my GPA competitive?

Have I been involved in extracurricular activities outside academics?



# Rhodes Scholarships: Should I apply?

Good Questions to Ask:

Do I know enough faculty members or advisors to obtain 5-8 strong references?

Do I take advice well?

Do I defend and articulate my views well?

Can I see similarities between myself and previous winners?

# Rhodes Scholarships: Should I apply?

If afforded the privilege of a Rhodes scholarship:

What will I do to help solve society's global challenges?

What public good will I serve?



# Rhodes Scholarships: Timeline

**As early as possible:** inform LeAnn of your intent to apply

**July, 2016:** Application available online

**September 5, 2016:** Campus deadline

**Mid-September:** Campus interview

**Late September:** OSU provides endorsement letter

**October 5, 2016:** National deadline

**Early November, 2016:** Finalists notified

**Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving:** Finalist interviews and Rhodes Scholars notified

# Rhodes Scholarships: Resources

Rhodes Website:

<http://www.rhodesscholar.org/>

Rhodes Trust, Oxford:

<http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/>

Oxford University:

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/>

Choosing a course of study in the UK:

<http://www.marshallscholarship.org/studyuk/chooseuniversity>

# Rhodes Scholarships: Videos

Applying for the Rhodes Scholarships

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOMTIFrSv2k>

Rhodes Personal Essay

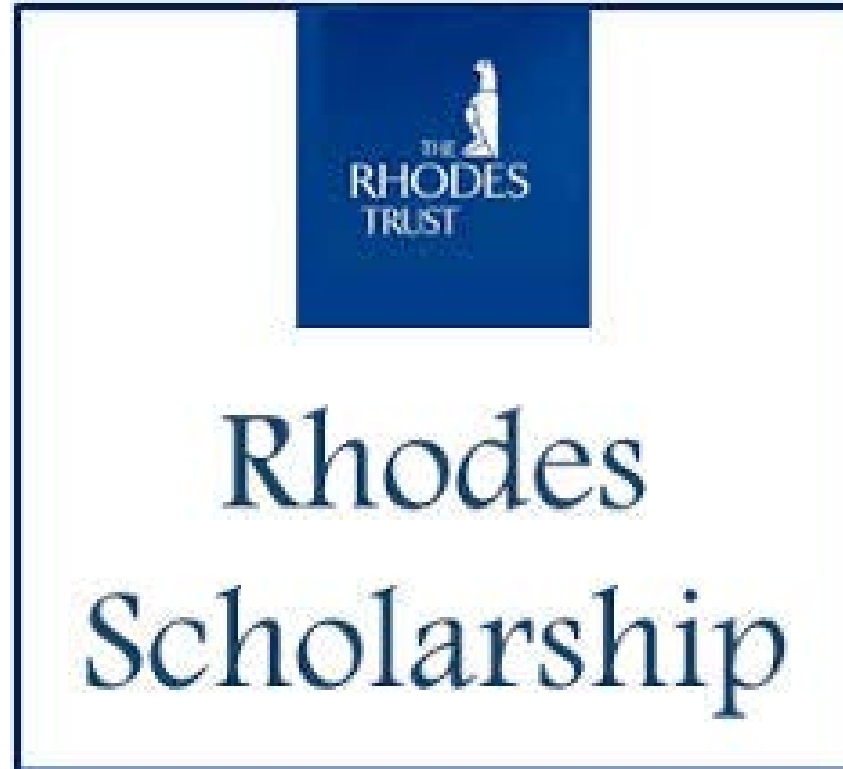
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLT5715YuZM>

The Rhodes Scholar Journey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03wTOA0KzYs>

Impact of the Rhodes Scholarship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIUyRCMYsfl>



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