Prestigious Scholarships at OSU
2016 Information Session
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
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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\(^{th}\), 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=sIUyRCMYsfI
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