Program Goal

The Rhodes Scholarship Trust is designed to enable students of outstanding intellectual, moral and leadership ability to pursue a second baccalaureate or a master's degree in science, humanities or social science at Oxford University. The Scholarship provides payment of tuition and fees, plus a living stipend and is tenable for a minimum of two and a maximum of three years. Each year, 32 U.S. citizens are selected as Rhodes Scholars.

Eligibility

U.S Citizen
Be between the ages of 18 and 23 on October 1, of the year of application.
Eligible to receive a Bachelor’s Degree before beginning residence at Oxford.

Working with the Office of Scholarships & Fellowships

The Office of Scholarships supports all of FIU’s Rhodes Applicants. Assistance is offered in the form of individual student meetings to discuss candidacy and project ideas, essay construction and revision assistance, and technical support. Material resources include Rhodes writing guides, Rhodes Reference letter guides, and interview preparation. Contact:

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Evaluation and Selection of Fellows

A Rhodes candidate must be endorsed by an institution at which he or she has completed two years of full-time undergraduate or postgraduate study. Candidates may apply in one region only; either that in which they have their permanent home address or ordinary place of residence/employment, or that in which they are studying.

Once a candidate receives a university endorsement, candidates submit applications to the Secretary of one of sixteen District Committees of Selection. After a preliminary elimination on the basis of credentials, shortlisted candidates are invited for interviews; the final selection of Rhodes Scholars is announced in November. Crucial factors in the selection of Rhodes scholars include literary and scholastic attainments, integrity of character, interest’s and respect for one’s fellow beings, the ability to lead and the energy to use one’s talent.
Internal Application Procedure

Pre-Application: To be considered for a Florida International University nomination, candidates must submit the following application materials, no later than Thursday, March 1st, 2018 on FIU.AcademicWorks.com. This pre-application deadline ensures priority in working on application materials and reviewing student qualifications.

1. Names and email addresses of five to eight recommenders
2. A short dated list (maximum length: two pages) of principal activities, honors, prizes, scholarships, offices held, athletic record and extracurricular interests (Academic Resume)

Campus Application Deadline: Rhodes Candidates must be endorsed by their college or university. Candidates must submit all application materials, no later than 4 p.m. on March 30th, 2018. The campus deadline is a hard deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for university endorsement after this date.

A completed application includes:
1. Completed Draft of the online Rhodes Application (which includes the following):
   a. (5-8) letters of recommendation (hard copies emailed and uploaded)
   b. Official/Unofficial college transcripts (from all colleges attended or FIU)
   c. 1000 word personal statement and list of principle activities, honors, prizes, etc.

All internal application materials should conform to application guidelines determined by the general Rhodes Application.

Students should complete the application, in its entirety, ensure all references have submitted their letters online, and submit the application to the Rhodes Program Adviser electronically by using fiu.academicworks.com no later than 4 PM, March 30, 2017.

Incomplete applications will not be considered by the FIU Rhodes Faculty Committee. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Office of Scholarships. Email: scholarships@fiu.edu