



Rhodes Application Process: 2017-2018

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, sample Rhodes essays, Rhodes reference letter guides, and interview preparation. For More information regarding the Rhodes scholarship please 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.

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, short-listed 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 in and respect for one's fellow beings, the ability to lead, and the energy to use one's talents to the full.

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| July 20, 2017 | Priority Deadline Pre-Applications Due (4:00 p.m.) |
| Aug. 23, 2017 | CAMPUS DEADLINE (4:00 p.m.): All application materials submitted to fiu.academicworks.com |
| Mid Sept. | Candidates interviewed by the Rhodes Scholarship Committee. |
| Mid Sept. | Candidates notified if selected by FIU for endorsement. |
| Oct. 2017 | Application Deadline for Endorsed Candidates. |
| Nov. | Notification of Rhodes Finalists. |
| Late Nov. | District Finalist Interviews. |



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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, July 20, 2017**. **This pre-application deadline ensures priority in working on application materials.**

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

**A 1,000 word personal statement will be submitted with the final application, but you DO NOT need to submit a draft of the essay with your pre-application. Due to regulations by the Rhodes, no one other than the applicant is allowed to edit or discuss the personal statement for the Rhodes Scholarship. Please refer to their websites for further explanation. <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/>

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 Wednesday, August 23, 2017**. **The campus deadline is a hard deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for university endorsement after this date.** A completed application includes:

1. Printed on-line Application Form
2. Official College transcripts (from all colleges attended)
3. A short dated list (maximum length: two pages) of principal activities, honors, prizes, scholarships, offices held, athletic record and extracurricular interests
4. Personal statement, not to exceed 1000 words
5. Five to eight letters of reference (hard copies only at this point, not electronically submitted to the application)

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, August 23, 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.