



THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS 2016

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Requirements for the Personal Statement

The Rhodes Scholarship application asks you to provide a short Personal Statement describing your academic and other interests. This statement should describe the specific area of proposed study and your reasons for wishing to study at Oxford, and it must conclude with the following statement, followed by your personal signature:

“I attest that this personal statement is my own work and is wholly truthful. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application.”

No application will be considered if the applicant does not make such a certification. This attestation does not count in the personal statement word limit.

This personal statement *must not exceed* 1,000 words in length, and should be written in as simple and direct a manner as possible. It should be set in a typeface no smaller than 10 points. Selection Committees will place special emphasis on this personal statement, and it may be forwarded to Oxford colleges to which Rhodes Scholars-elect apply for admission. Committees may, in their discretion, reject any Personal Statement which fails to meet these requirements.

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