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The 2015 U.S. Rhodes Scholarship application is for entry to Oxford University in October 2016. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted.

1. Closing date
   The U.S. application will close at 11:59 PM Eastern Time on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Early submissions are encouraged. It is expected that institutional endorsements and letters of reference will also be submitted online by this same closing date and time.

2. Eligibility criteria
   An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, or a lawful permanent resident of the United States meeting the criteria outlined on the U.S. Rhodes Scholarship website (www.rhodesscholar.org).

   An applicant must be at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age by October 1 in the year of application.

   An applicant must have completed or be expected to complete an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution by October 1 in the year following election.

3. Application process
   All applicants must apply online, and all applications must be submitted by the published closing date and time. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.

   In preparation for making an application, all applicants should read carefully the general information on the Rhodes Trust (U.S.) website, the Rhodes Trust (U.K.) website (www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk), the Detailed Conditions of Tenure of the Rhodes Scholarship (www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Application/Conditions-of-Tenure.pdf), the graduate admissions pages of the University of Oxford website (www.oxford.ox.ac.uk), and the information contained in this document.

   Applicants may apply in their state of college or university training or in the state in which they were resident on April 15 in the year of application. Details concerning residency may be found on the U.S. Rhodes Scholarship website.

   Applicants in certain U.S. District regions may be asked to take part in preliminary video interviews in October. Candidates selected for finalist interviews must attend in person; no candidate will be selected for a Rhodes Scholarship without an in-person interview.

   Applicants may make only one application in any application year. In cases of dual citizenship, an applicant may apply to one constituency only.
Financial need does not give special claim to a Rhodes Scholarship.

Costs incurred by candidates in attending interviews are not reimbursed.

4. Application requirements
All applicants must provide the following as part of their Scholarship application:

- Passport, birth certificate, or other proof of age and nationality.
- A 1000-word personal statement, with required attestation as to the applicant’s own work. General advice on preparing the personal statement can be found at the U.S. Rhodes Scholarship website and at http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/apply
- A principal list of activities/resume, not to exceed two pages in length and in no smaller than 10-point type.
- Official academic transcript/transcripts.
- A head and shoulders photograph.
- The name and contact details of the individual supplying the applicant’s institutional endorsement.
- The names and contact details of five to eight referees; at least four of these must be academic, and at least one (a fifth) must be from someone who can speak to the applicant’s character.

Applicants are urged to provide endorsement and referee details as soon as possible, and not to wait until the registration deadline, in order to give the endorser and referees adequate time to prepare and submit their letters.

5. Selection procedure
Selection for the Rhodes Scholarship is made without regard to marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, gender, religion, sexual orientation, social background, disability, caste or other irrelevant information.

The decision of the selection committee is final.

The Rhodes Scholarship is confirmed only upon successful admission to the University of Oxford.

6. Procedure after selection
Successful applicants will need to apply to the University of Oxford very soon after selection. Full details will be supplied by the Rhodes Trust, Oxford, following selection.

Candidates applying for a second undergraduate degree with senior status will need to submit a paper application, which will be provided following selection, and which must reach Rhodes House by Friday, November 27, 2015. Such candidates will therefore be required to make a quick submission following U.S. selection.

Successful candidates will be encouraged to disclose, in confidence, any medical condition or special needs which may require academic or personal support in Oxford. This disclosure is entirely voluntary, and is requested only to enable Rhodes House to provide suitable support in Oxford and to make the transition to Oxford as smooth as possible.