

Rhodes Scholarship

Purpose

The Rhodes Scholarships is the oldest international fellowship, and was created through the will of Cecil Rhodes in 1902 to improve the world through the diffusion of leaders who are motivated to serve their contemporaries, and trained in the contemplative life of the mind.

Details of Fellowship

- Purpose:* Study at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, towards an undergraduate or (preferably) graduate degree.
- Awards:* 32 awards are made annually in the United States. USI will endorse at most one student each year to advance to the regional selection process.
- Duration:* Two years of study, with the possibility of renewal for a third year.
- Benefits:* The Scholarship covers all educational costs and fees, travel to and from Oxford, together with a stipend for living expenses.

Eligibility

Intellectual distinction is necessary, but not sufficient, for selection as a Rhodes Scholar. Scholars are chosen for excellence in qualities of mind and in qualities of person which, in combination, offer the promise of effective service to the world in the decades ahead.

- Who:* US Citizens aged between 18 and 24 on October 1st in your year of application, with completed Bachelors Degree (in any field) before beginning at Oxford.
- When:* Apply for campus endorsement in your Junior (preferable) or Senior year.
- Criteria:* Intellectual and academic distinction. Demonstrated integrity, interest in and respect for others, physical vigor, leadership abilities and high aspirations. Active on campus and/or in the community.

Application

A completed application includes an application form, 1000 word essay explaining your experience, career goals and plan of study at Oxford, academic transcripts, five to eight letters of recommendation and a campus endorsement.

- Campus deadline:* **April 1st.** USI will endorse at most one student each year.
National deadline: **October 1st.**

Contact Information

Dr. Adrian Gentle is USI's faculty mentor for the Rhodes Scholarship. If you are interested in applying you should contact him as soon as possible at (812) 461 5371 or apgentle@usi.edu.

Further information is available at www.rhodesscholar.org