

The Rhodes Scholarships for New Zealand
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From the Secretary of the Committee of Selection for New Zealand.

Referring to the application from _____.

Your name has been given as referee by the above-mentioned candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship.

I should be grateful if you would prepare a frank and confidential statement regarding his/her qualifications. Your prompt response will be of great assistance to the applicant and will be much appreciated by the Committee of Selection.

The basis of selection by the Committee is that section of the will of Cecil Rhodes in which he mentioned the four groups of qualities which he desired in his Scholars:

- literary and scholastic attainments.
- energy to use one's talents to the full.
- truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship.
- moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

The selection is not made, however, on the principle of averaging a candidate's qualifications under all these headings. The Committee will look for a person who shows promise of outstanding achievement in later life. For this, distinction of character (to which the Founder attached particular importance) and intellect are the most important requirements and the Committee will be particularly interested in your critical estimate of the candidate in this respect.

It is not expected that each referee will be able to speak of the candidate's qualifications under all these headings, and you are requested to confine yourself to those qualifications on which you have information gained by personal contact.

Please do not hesitate to speak of the candidate's limitations as well as qualities. A critical appraisal will add to, rather than detract from, the force of your letter, since Committees naturally tend to be dubious of recommendations which imply that a candidate has no limitations whatsoever.

Since the Committee needs time to consider the achievements and potential of a number of applicants, I should be grateful if you would provide your reference by **1 August 2017**. Your letter will be treated as strictly confidential and will be read only by those whose duty it is to pass judgement upon the qualifications of the candidate.

Yours truly,

Secretary of the Committee of Selection for New Zealand

Addresses for References

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