

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Introduction

This document assumes that intending applicants have read and are familiar with the criteria for the Rhodes Scholarships which are available on the main Rhodes website:
<http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/section/rhodes-countries>

For detailed information on the conditions of tenure view the document at:
<http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Application/Conditions-of-Tenure.pdf>

General Information

A Rhodes Scholarship is tenable at Oxford University.

After election a successful candidate has still to apply to and be accepted by a Department or Faculty of the University and by a college.

A Rhodes Scholarship is confirmed once a successful candidate has been offered a place in a Department or Faculty of the University and in a college.

Tenure of other awards in conjunction with a Rhodes Scholarship is not permitted without prior consultation with the Secretary of the Trust in Oxford.

The New Zealand constituency may elect up to three scholars each year.

Eligibility Criteria for New Zealand applicants

Candidates must:

- (a) be citizens of New Zealand or be British subjects with at least five years' domicile in New Zealand.
- (b) have graduated or be expected to graduate with a degree from a New Zealand university.
- (c) be of an age that they will have passed their nineteenth and not passed their twenty-fifth birthday by 1 October in the year for which they were elected.*
- (d) have achieved academic training sufficiently advanced to assure completion of a Bachelor's degree by October in the year for which they are elected.

*Note: The age requirement for candidates undertaking a MB,ChB course of study and pre-registration year will be extended by one year. Therefore they should have passed their nineteenth and not passed their twenty-sixth birthday by 1 October in the year for which they are elected.

The Selection Committee in New Zealand will be responsible for deciding whether candidates comply with these conditions and, subject to ratification by the Rhodes Trustees, for making the selections. In any case of doubt the Trustees reserve complete discretion to determine a candidate's eligibility.

Method of Application

Candidates for a Rhodes Scholarship from New Zealand are required to apply to the Scholarships Office of the New Zealand university from which they graduated or at which they are currently enrolled, by 1 August, using the specified application form.

The application form asks for the names and contact details of six referees. Candidates should ensure that at least three of the six referees are able to write about their academic ability and attainments at university. Referees should be aware that their references will also be used during the process of the candidate's application for admission to the University of Oxford and will be given the most thorough scrutiny by admissions officers at Oxford.

Preliminary Committees of Selection at each university will invite a shortlist of candidates to a personal interview.

From these interviews up to three candidates may be nominated by the university to Universities NZ.

From these nominations a number of candidates may then be short listed for a personal interview with the New Zealand Selection Committee in Wellington.

No candidate will automatically be granted an interview by the New Zealand Selection Committee and no candidate will be elected without such an interview except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Materials to be submitted by Candidates

Candidates must comply with the requirements stated in the application form.

Selection Criteria

The will of Cecil Rhodes outlines four criteria to be used in the election of 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.

Rhodes Scholarship selection committees will be seeking young women and men of outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service. The Rhodes Scholarships support students who demonstrate strong potential to emerge as 'leaders for the world's future'.

The Rhodes Trust

The information contained in this document is intentionally brief.

All applicants for the Rhodes Scholarship should familiarise themselves with the extensive information provided on the Rhodes Trust website.

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