



## THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP 2013

### AUSTRALIA

#### Guidance for Referees

The candidate has named you as a referee in support of an application for a Rhodes Scholarship for 2013. Please supply a frank and confidential statement regarding the candidate's qualifications. Your prompt response to this request will be of great assistance to the candidate and to the Selection Committee.

The Committee will have available for consideration a copy of the candidate's academic transcript, *curriculum vitae*, and personal statement of academic interests, other pursuits, extracurricular activities and reasons for wishing to study at Oxford. Observations which would enhance the Committee's understanding of these records will be especially welcomed. **Your comments must not exceed two A4 pages.**

Academic referees should note that their letters of reference will be used by Oxford colleges for determining the Rhodes Scholar-elect's suitability for admission. In the case of proposed postgraduate study, these letters will also be evaluated to ascertain the Rhodes Scholar-elect's qualifications for such advanced work. Consequently, a detailed assessment of the candidate's academic qualifications will be particularly helpful.

Proven intellectual and academic quality of a high standard is the first quality required of applicants. They will also be required to show integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead and the energy to use their talents to the full. Cecil Rhodes believed that the last of these qualities was best tested through participation and success in sports. Sporting achievement, however, is not essential if candidates demonstrate in other ways the physical vigour which will enable a Rhodes Scholar to make the effective contribution to the world around them, which Mr Rhodes clearly expected when he expressed the hope that Rhodes Scholars would come to "esteem the performance of public duties as [their] highest aim".

It is not expected that you will be able to speak from first hand knowledge of all the candidate's qualifications. Most Rhodes Scholars seek to undertake advanced courses at Oxford, or undergraduate courses in a field other than that previously studied. Entry to courses is becoming increasingly difficult. If you are primarily acquainted with the candidate through a teacher/student relationship, you are requested to concentrate particularly on academic quality and potential (bearing in mind that your reference will be used for admission procedures at Oxford University) although your assessment of other qualities will be welcomed by the Committee. If on the other hand, you are better acquainted with the candidate through non-academic interests, you are requested to concentrate on assessment of character in the knowledge that the Committee is looking for scholars who show promise of outstanding achievement in later life.

Please do not hesitate to speak of the candidate's limitations as well as strong points. Committees tend naturally to be dubious of appraisals that imply a given individual has no limitations. Your reply will, of course, be treated as strictly confidential to the Selection Committee (and to the necessary Oxford authorities in the case of the successful candidate).

The Selection Committee would prefer your letter of recommendation to be on headed paper, signed, and uploaded in pdf format.

The Selection Committee will begin evaluation of candidates' applications in September, and it is essential that letters are received by the Honorary Secretary ***no later than 3 September 2012, unless advised of an alternative date by the State or Territory Secretary.*** The Committee may not be in a position to make use of letters received after the due date or letters that exceed two pages in length.

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