

## THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP 2013

### ZAMBIA

#### MEMORANDUM

##### FOR ELECTION FOR 2013 ONLY

(This Memorandum cancels those issued for previous years)

#### **Updated April 2012**

*This document assumes that you have read and are familiar with the basic admission criteria for the Rhodes Scholarships, available on the main [Rhodes website](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk). For detailed conditions of tenure, view the document at [www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Application/Conditions-of-Tenure.pdf](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Application/Conditions-of-Tenure.pdf)*

#### **1. Closing date**

- a. Your application must be submitted online by midnight, Zambian time, 10 October 2012.

#### **2. Eligibility criteria**

- a. You must have achieved academic training in a degree-awarding body in Zambia or overseas, and have completed a Bachelor's degree with Merit or Distinction (or equivalent elsewhere).
- b. You must be a citizen of Zambia and have been resident in Zambia for at least five of the last ten years.
- c. You must be available for interview at the time of selection in Lusaka. It is expected that the interviews will be held on 9 November 2012.
- d. You must be at least 19 years and younger than 27 years by 1 October 2013. This means applicants must have been born between 30 September 1986 and 30 September 1994. The Rhodes Trust and Oxford University require that selection for a Scholarship and for admission to the University will be without regard to marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, sex and gender, religion, sexual orientation, social background, disability, caste or other irrelevant distinctions.
- e. A selection committee will make no nomination if it is of the opinion that there is no sufficiently qualified candidate.

### 3. Application procedure

- a. Applicants may apply online at <https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust> (from 1 May 2012).
- b. All candidates are required to submit a complete electronic application no later than midnight, Zambian time, 10 October 2012.
- c. The Selection Committee will invite candidates they wish to see to a personal interview. No candidate will be selected without a personal interview. The final selection is confirmed by the Rhodes Trustees, who rely on selection procedures undertaken by selection committees in each constituency.
- d. Candidates who do not receive further communication by 1 December 2012 should assume that their application has been unsuccessful.

### 4. Information to be submitted with application

- a. You must submit a completed application form on-line at <https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust>. The following are required to be submitted on-line:
  - i. A certified copy of your birth certificate (or an affidavit of birth), to show that you are in the correct age group. For those candidates not born in Zambia, please also supply additional materials (passport or National Registration Card) necessary to validate Zambian citizenship.
  - ii. Certified copies of your academic record from all universities or institutes of higher education, formally certified by the Registrar of the University or College concerned.
  - iii. One photograph of yourself. This must be a recent head and shoulder colour photograph of good quality.
  - iv. Curriculum vitae, showing details of what you have achieved: any employment or enterprise you have undertaken during your studies or thereafter; your high school career; your college or university career; your involvement in student or community affairs, cultural, sporting or political activities; your leadership roles; and any other significant achievements or involvements. This should not exceed two pages of 12-point Times font and should not include supporting documents.
  - v. A statement of no more than 1500 words which includes:
    - a. Your general interests and activities and what you plan to do with your life once you have completed your studies.
    - b. Your aims and priorities and the contribution you have made and would like to make to society.
    - c. Indicate the course of study and degree you wish to follow at Oxford.
    - d. Also demonstrate that you are able to meet the requirements of the specific course you have chosen. Candidates are advised that it is a requirement of admission to all post-graduate, and some other courses, to submit samples of written work. The regulations concerning this can be found in the Oxford Graduate Studies

Prospectus. Some courses also require successful completion of the GRE or GMAT.

- e. Applicants wishing to undertake a DPhil must provide a brief outline of their proposed research and show evidence you have been in contact with a researcher in Oxford.

Your personal statement is a very important part of your application. **It is very important for you to have considered what course and degree you wish to follow at Oxford before you submit your application.** It is a good idea to discuss your proposed course of study with your professors or lecturers in that field, and, if possible, with someone who has knowledge of United Kingdom universities. Additional sources of information are in the current issues of the *University of Oxford Graduate Prospectus* and the *University of Oxford Undergraduate Prospectus*, as well as the departmental websites of the University of Oxford, all available online at [www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk)

- vi. A list of six people (your referees) who can be contacted by the selection committee for further detailed information about you.
  1. Furnish the business and home (or mobile) telephone and fax numbers as well as the postal and email addresses of all your referees. Choose reliable people who are likely to respond to requests for written reports as their reports will be crucial to your application. Ask their permission before listing them as referees.
  2. At least three of your referees should be academics who have taught you and who can comment on your academic ability and how well they think you would fare at Oxford. One must be able to write of your schooldays.
  3. Other referees can include teachers and other persons who are able to comment critically on whether you fulfil the requirements Rhodes set out in his Will. A good referee is one who knows you well, rather than a well-known person who only knows you superficially. It is not advisable to get close contemporaries or personal friends to be referees.

It is neither necessary nor desirable to include certificates or testimonials other than those required.

- vii. Include your home address, mobile phone number and email address.
- viii. All documents must be in English.
- ix. It is noteworthy that one's HIV/AIDS status would not be a consideration for the award of the Rhodes Scholarship and the medical examinations need not necessarily include this test.

- 5. **Interviews:** Applicants who cannot be at the relevant selection committee interviews will not be considered.

For further information about the Rhodes Trust and the Rhodes Scholarships,  
[www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk)