

Please note:

Applications for the Rhodes Scholarship 2012 are closed.

The Memorandum for the 2013 Zimbabwe Scholarship will be posted here in mid-May 2012.



THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP 2012

ZIMBABWE

MEMORANDUM

FOR ELECTION FOR 2012 ONLY

(This Memorandum cancels those issued for previous years)

Updated May 2011

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](#). For detailed conditions of tenure, view the document at www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Conditions-of-Tenure-2011.pdf

1. Closing date

- a. Your application must be submitted online or by using the application form attached to this Memorandum and furnishing the material here specified by no later than 5pm on 12 August 2011. If applying by post, the application must reach the Secretary of the Selection Committee by 5pm on 12 August 2011 at CH665 Chisipite, Harare.

2. Eligibility criteria

- a. You must have achieved academic training in a degree-awarding body in Zimbabwe or overseas, and have completed, or will be about to complete by 1 October 2011, a Bachelor's degree with Merit or Distinction (or equivalent elsewhere).
- b. You must be a resident of Zimbabwe for at least five of the last ten years.
- c. You must be available for interview at the time of selection in Harare. It is expected that the interviews will be held on 12 December 2011.
- d. You must be at least 19 years and younger than 25 years by 1 October 2011. This means applicants must have been born between 30 September 1986 and 30 September 1992.
- 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 June).
- b. All candidates are required to submit a complete electronic application no later than 5pm, Zimbabwe time, 12 August 2011.
- 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 2011 should assume that their application has been unsuccessful.

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.

4. Information to be submitted with application

- a. You must submit a completed application form on-line at <https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust> or complete the attached application form. 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. Please do **not** submit a baptismal certificate.
 - 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. Seven photographs of yourself (by hard copy) or one digital (JPEG) photograph. These must be a head and shoulder colour photograph of good quality, unmounted and approximately 10cm by 12cm.
 - 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 2000 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* available online at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions>, as well as departmental websites.

- 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. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that referees submit their references by 16 September 2011. (Online applicants should note that although a candidate's referees will be contacted direct by the online application, it remains the candidate's responsibility to ensure his/her referees submit their references by the deadline of 16 September 2011). The Secretary reserves full rights to contact referees with a view to confirming the meaning or veracity of any information provided.

- vii. Include your home address, mobile phone number and email address.

viii. All documents must be in English.

ix. For candidates invited to interview: a medical certificate in the prescribed form supplied below must be submitted to the Selection Committee in good time before the interview.

NB 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.

Please note that whilst candidates applying online may upload electronic documents, those candidates invited for interview will be required to submit original documents.

b. **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

Applicants may apply online at <https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust>

OR by submission of the form below



THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION FORM

ELECTIONS FOR 2012

Date.....

To the SECRETARY, COMMITTEE OF SELECTION FOR ZIMBABWE

Sir

I herewith apply to be regarded as a candidate for a RHODES SCHOLARSHIP from Zimbabwe for the year 2011.

My full names are.....

I am a resident of Zimbabwe with at least five years residence in the last ten years.

The date of my birth was.....

I was at the following School and University for the periods named:

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Accompanying this application are:

1. A birth certificate (a photocopy is satisfactory)
2. Certified evidence of my courses at school and university and degrees (if any)
3. A signed statement by myself as to my school and university career, general interests and activities, the course of study which I propose to follow at Oxford and the character of work I intend to pursue later.
4. Reference to the following persons (with addresses), under three of whom I have studied at university.

(1).....

(2).....

- (3).....
- (4).....
- (5).....
- (6).....

- 5. A medical certificate in the required form (overleaf)
- 6. Seven studio photographs of myself unmounted and not larger than 10cm by 12 cm

My address while I am at university is
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My telephone number is.....

My Zimbabwe home address is
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My telephone number in Zimbabwe is

NB This application must reach the Secretary of the Selection Committee, The Rhodes Scholarships at CH665 Chisipite, Harare, Zimbabwe, not later than **12 August, 2011**



**THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS
FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE**

To be supplied by every applicant.

Date

Address.....

I have examined....., an applicant for a Rhodes Scholarship. From my knowledge of the applicant's history and as a result of my examination, it is my opinion that the applicant is in good health mentally, emotionally and physically and has not suffered during the past ten years from any disorder likely to recur and to impair activities as a scholar at Oxford University.*

Signed

Professional qualifications.....

* If you should think it necessary to explain or qualify any of the statements in this certificate please add your comment below:

REMARKS

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP 2012

ZIMBABWE

Guidance for Referees

Your name has been given as a reference by an applicant for a Rhodes Scholarship who comes before our Committee of Selection this year. The Committee should be grateful if you would send a frank and confidential statement regarding the applicant's qualifications. Your prompt compliance with this request will be of great assistance to the applicant and will be much appreciated by the Committee of Selection.

Proven intellectual and academic quality of a high standard is the first quality required of applicants, but they will also be required to show (i) integrity of character, (ii) interest in and respect for their fellow beings, (iii) the ability to lead and (iv) the energy to use their talents to the full.

Mr. Rhodes believed that the last of these qualities was best tested through participation and success in sports. Sporting prowess, however, is not an essential if applicants demonstrate in other ways the physical vigour which will enable Rhodes Scholars to make the effective contribution to the world around them which Mr. Rhodes clearly expected in expressing the hope that a Rhodes Scholar would come to "esteem the performance of public duties as [his/her] highest aim".

It is not expected that you will be able to speak from first hand knowledge of the candidate's qualifications under all those heads. If you are primarily acquainted with the candidate through a teacher/pupil 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 the other qualities will be very welcome to 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 persons who show promise of outstanding achievement in later life.

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 whatever.

Since the Committee needs time to consider the credentials of a number of applicants, I should be grateful if you would reply at your earliest convenience. 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 applicant.

We hope that it will be easy for you to submit on-line and that you have available on the site all the instructions you require. If you have difficulties, or would prefer, you may address your reference

to me directly as below. In that case, would you please notify the candidate when you have submitted so that his/her mind is at rest. The Committee welcomes the early receipt of references, and by 16 September 2011 at the latest.

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Harare
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For further information about the Rhodes Trust and the Rhodes Scholarships,
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