



Rhodes Scholarships 2018

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS



McGill



What is Rhodes?

A Rhodes Scholarship is tenable at the University of Oxford for any full-time postgraduate degree

Duration of two years

- A Scholarship may be renewed for a third and final year for those who were admitted to pursue a doctoral degree

A Rhodes Scholarship covers:

- All University and College fees / application fee;
- A personal stipend which is fixed by the Trustees (£14,276 per annum 2016-17);
- One economy class airfare to Oxford at the start of the scholarship and one economy flight back to the student's home country at the conclusion of the scholarship.



Eligibility

Full-time students at McGill University who are available to study at Oxford University the year after applying (Fall 2018).

A candidate must:

- ❖ be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (students who are attending a Canadian university on a student visa are not eligible to apply) ;
- ❖ be domiciled in Canada;
- ❖ have reached their 19th and not have passed their 25th birthday on 1 October 2018, which means you must have been born after 30 September 1993 and on or before 1 October 1999.
- ❖ Have received an undergraduate degree of a sufficiently high standard to be admitted to postgraduate study at the University of Oxford before taking up the Scholarship.

*While GPA is only one assessment criterion, candidates are advised that a GPA of 3.75 is a suggested minimum to be competitive.

- If you only had one semester where your GPA was lower, then your application could still be competitive. In your essay, you can always give an explanation if you think it's necessary.

What are they looking for?

Time tested criteria for the selection of future leaders:

1. Literary and scholastic attainments
2. Energy to develop one's talents to the full, as demonstrated in sports, debate, music, dance, etc
3. Caring for others: truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship
4. Moral force of character and instincts to lead



General Application Process

☐ McGill Workshops

☐ Endorsement Letter Request Deadline (September 15th)

Formal application submitted to Rhodes (September 30th)

- Authorization code for the Rhodes application submission will be given to applicants prior to this date

Provincial level selection process begins

- One interview at provincial level (18 November)



McGill Preparatory Process

- 1. August 31- September 7:** McGill info sessions
- 2. Friday, September 15:** Deadline for McGill Endorsement Request
- 3. Friday, September 30:** Applications due to provincial secretaries
- 4. TBA (mid October):** Interview Workshop with CAPs



Endorsement Letters

All candidates must have a letter submitted from the University stating that they are approved as a suitable candidate for the Scholarship

In order to ensure that the Office of the Dean of Students will provide you with an endorsement letter, we ask that you please submit your written request by **September 15, 2017**.

Please provide your:

- ❖ Name
- ❖ Student ID Number
- ❖ Degree granted (for McGill grads)
- ❖ Date degree was granted (for McGill grads)
- ❖ Province to which you intend to apply



Endorsement Letter Contact Details

(ON RHODES ONLINE APP.)



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Independent Applicants

It is the same process for all students

Rowlinson Award

Awarded to McGill students who are named Rhodes Scholars. Established in 1978 by a donation from Professor Elizabeth Rowlinson, a graduate of Oxford University and a member of the Mathematics Department of McGill University. Awarded by the University Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid.

Value: \$200. There is no application for this prize. It is awarded automatically to McGill students who receive Rhodes Scholarships.



Reference Letters

- ❖ Names and contact details of 6 referees
 - Including a mailing address, email address and telephone number
- ❖ **4 of 6** referees should be **persons under whom the applicant has studied at University**
- ❖ **Remaining 2** should be people who know you well and can speak to your character and the broader non-academic interests Rhodes set out in his Will.



Reference Letter Submission

- ❖ You register your referee details online in your application → Rhodes Trust contacts referees and advises them how to submit their letters of appraisal directly online
- ❖ *2018 Canadian Rhodes Memorandum* provides referees instructions regarding the letters of appraisal
 - You may want to give this to your referees to prepare them and notify them of proper submission procedure
- ❖ Remember to specify the province you wish to compete in and include the name and address of the appropriate provincial secretary
- ❖ **DO NOT** have your referees send their letters of reference to our office. **ALL REFERENCE LETTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY THE REFEREE DIRECTLY.**



Transcripts + Factual list of activities and awards



The Rhodes application (due on application deadline) requires an OFFICIAL transcript

- Since your application will be submitted electronically, you provide a scanned copy
- Can be requested online (through Minerva) or at Service Point



Birth Certificates

- ❖ Photocopy of an official birth certificate is needed for the Rhodes online application
 - Commissioner of Oaths may certify that a scanned copy is OFFICIAL, but the original birth certificate must be provided in order to obtain a certified copy
 - McGill Legal Information Clinic (SSMU Ground Floor) provides this service

- ❖ Candidates that move forward will be required to produce their ORIGINAL certificate at the interview

A copy of a valid passport

- A copy of a valid passport (with translation, if necessary), confirming that you meet the citizenship criteria. In the case of candidates born outside of Canada, living outside of Canada, or attending university outside of Canada, evidence of being domiciled in Canada will be required.
- You should contact the National Secretary if you are unsure of the evidence required to establish domicile in Canada, which may include driver's licence, evidence of health insurance, and proof of filed tax returns in Canada, amongst other documents.



Medical Disclosure + Photograph



- ❖ You will need to upload a head and shoulder photograph that will not be visible to selectors until after candidates have been invited to interviews
- ❖ You are encouraged to disclose any medical conditions after selection

Updates in 2018

“If there is no suitable candidate in any given year, the Selection Committee will not select.”



Huzzah!

Are you McGill's 143rd Rhodes
Scholar?



Questions?



Contact

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