



U.S. Rhodes Scholarships Handout 2009-10 **REVISED**

All other eligible countries, please contact Dean Ordiway.

(Australia, Bangladesh, Bermuda, Canada, Commonwealth Caribbean and Jamaica, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe)

Note:

The Rhodes application will be submitted electronically this year, including all the letters of appraisal (recommendation).

Please follow the Princeton instructions in the following pages carefully.

Unlike many other fellowships with electronic submissions, a candidate for Princeton's endorsement must submit all required documents **IN HARD COPY** to 409 West College by September 17, 2009 to be considered. (If a candidate receives Princeton University's endorsement, the final application **MUST** then be submitted electronically according to the rules of the Rhodes Trust.)

July 7, 2009

U.S. RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Application process for fall 2009

TIMELINE

- April 2009
- Investigate degree programs at Oxford using materials at Firestone, the Internet (<http://www.rhodesscholar.org> and <http://www.ox.ac.uk>), and resources available in 409 West College. Speak to faculty members who are knowledgeable about Oxford degrees.
- Visit 409 West College and quickly read through past winners' essays.
- May 2009
- It is in your best interest to begin early. Prepare and discuss a rough draft of your essay, CV, and potential recommenders with Dean Ordiway. Call Traci at 8-1998 for an appointment.
- Note: The Rhodes application requires 5-8 letters of recommendation, known as *Letters of Appraisal*. At least four of these eight letters should be from faculty members that have taught you.
- By May 12, 2009 (Dean's Date) Letters of Appraisal
- Ask at least four Princeton faculty members and others who know you well to write your *Letters of Appraisal*. Make sure you speak with Dean Ordiway about the appropriateness of your choices. (Letters will not need to be submitted, however, until Thursday, September 17, at the latest.) **Remember that this is the first day of classes and your "appraisers" will have other things on their mind, so plan accordingly.**
- Note: Take time to discuss your plans and goals with all your recommenders. The more they know about you, the program of study you wish to pursue, and how that program fits into your larger plans for the future, the better prepared they will be to write a comprehensive and thoughtful letter. If you run into problems, please contact Dean Ordiway at ordway@princeton.edu AND cc: Traci Miller at traci@princeton.edu.
- Before you leave campus (May 2009)
- It is highly advised that you discuss your CV and a rough draft of your personal statement with Dean Ordiway. Call Traci at 8-1998 to make an appointment.
- June – August 2009
- Continue working on your personal statement and CV. Contact Traci (traci@princeton.edu or 609/258-1998) to arrange for a phone appointment with Dean Ordiway, if necessary. Electronic copies are required 24-hours prior to appointment.

- Friday, June 12, 2009
- Order official transcripts of **ALL** of your courses taken away from Princeton (domestic and abroad). You should request **TWO** originals from the school's Registrar –one for your Princeton Rhodes file and one for you to send with your official application to the Rhodes District Committee.
- July 9, 2009
- By this date you should have discussed with Dean Ordiway who your 5-8 appraisers will be, and you should have approached them to request a letter. Ask them to save this letter in a format with a .doc suffix, since if you are endorsed each appraiser will need to upload the letter electronically in this format. **However, DO NOT register your appraisers on the electronic application until Dean Ordiway has explicitly told you to do so.**
- Note: the online application system **WILL NOT** allow Dean Ordiway to upload appraisers' letters, nor to view them.
- Please be advised that if an appraiser indicates that they do not wish to use the online system, the applicant is responsible for providing them with a copy of the USA Nests Guidance available at www.rhodestrust.org/documents/USARefereeGuidance.pdf, which contains address details for delivery by the post office. Mailing addresses for Rhodes District Secretaries may be found on page M-4 of the United States Memorandum of Regulations at www.rhodesscholar.org.
- Week of August 25, 2009
- It is highly unlikely that Dean Ordiway will be available to review first drafts of essays after this week.
- Week of September 1, 2009
- Dean Ordiway is available to review your personal statement and CV. Contact Traci (traci@princeton.edu or 609/258-1998) to arrange for a phone appointment with Dean Ordiway, if necessary. Email your drafts to ordway@princeton.edu (cc: traci@princeton.edu) at least 24-hours prior to your scheduled appointment.
- Sunday, September 13, 2009
- The official Housing move-in date for Fall 2009 for classes of 2010, 2011, and 2012.
- Monday, September 14, 2009
- Dean Ordiway is available in his office for a final review of your personal statement and/or CV. Contact Traci (traci@princeton.edu or 8-1998) to arrange for an appointment. Email your drafts to ordway@princeton.edu (cc: traci@princeton.edu) at least 24-hours prior to your scheduled appointment.
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009
- Fall Fellowship Open House in 111 West College from 10am-4pm. Interested Rhodes Candidates must attend this mandatory meeting to submit the *Applicant Information Sheet* (last page of this handout).

Thursday, September 17, 2009
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The following items below are due, PAPERCLIPPED AND COLLATED IN THIS ORDER, in 409 West College for all students requesting institutional endorsement of their candidacy. **Note: these materials must be assembled prior to arrival.**

SIX copies (one original and five copies) of your online Rhodes application. Make sure your application includes ALL the following items:

1. Personal essay
2. CV
3. Transcripts (Princeton, domestic, and abroad)
 - Princeton transcript (request 2 originals from the Registrar –one for your Princeton Rhodes file and the other for you to send with your official application. Be sure they include your fall 2009-2010 courses).

Please be advised, the online system will NOT enable you to print out your letters of appraisal or the endorsement letter. Therefore, appraisers MUST submit hard copies, too. You should arrange to pick up these copies, or have them sent to 409 West College.

4. At least five letters of appraisal. There should be one original and five copies (submitted in ONE signed, sealed envelope).

Optional: You may ask all five to eight of your appraisers (recommenders) to submit their letters for our endorsement process.

Please inform all of your appraisers (recommenders) that these copies of their appraisals are for the purpose of deciding if you will receive Princeton's institutional endorsement. Be sure your recommenders understand that they will need to upload their final letters according to the requirements of the online Rhodes application. Dean Ordiway is **NOT** permitted to either upload letters, nor to mail hard copies. **DO NOT register your appraisers on the electronic application until Dean Ordiway has explicitly told you to do so.**

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered for Princeton's endorsement. Also, no materials will be returned.

Thursday, September 17, 2009

First day of fall term classes.

Friday, September 18, 2009

Application materials will be distributed to the Princeton Rhodes Committee.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

The Princeton Rhodes Committee meets to decide which candidates will be endorsed by the University.

- Wednesday, September 23, 2009 Applicants who cannot be endorsed will be notified by phone or e-mail. All other applicants will receive an e-mail message. Endorsed applicants will need to schedule a meeting with an assigned member of the Princeton Rhodes Committee.
- Monday, September 28 -
Thursday, October 1, 2009 Applicants who will receive Princeton's endorsement must meet with an assigned member of the Princeton Rhodes Committee.
- Note: Dean Ordiway should be listed as the official university endorser on the online application. You will receive further instructions about entering his name and other information following notification of your endorsement by Princeton University.
- Monday, October 5, 2009 Endorsed applicants **MUST** submit their online application by this date.
- Be sure to follow the *Notes of Guidance* on the applications VERY carefully! (There are many country-specific requirements to follow.)
- Tuesday, October 6, 2009 Send a reminder email to your 5-8 appraisers that their letters **MUST** be uploaded by next Tuesday, October 13, 2009.
- If they have indicated that they do not wish to use the online system, make sure they understand how to mail them directly. (See instructions in this handout under July 9, 2009.)
- Tuesday, October 13, 2009 All 5-8 letters of appraisal and the institutional endorsement must be uploaded.
- November 21-22, 2009 District Interviews
- Note: if you are invited for an interview, contact Dean Ordiway **IMMEDIATELY** (ordway@princeton.edu and cc: traci@princeton.edu); he will meet with you to discuss the interview process and arrange a practice interview(s), if you have not already had one.

**HAND-DELIVER THIS FORM TO THE
FALL FELLOWSHIP OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, September 15, 2009
111 West College
10am-4pm**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET
RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS**

NAME _____ CLASS YEAR _____

MAJOR _____ EMAIL _____

PHONE _____ DISTRICT _____

What program/degree will you pursue? If you have not decided on a specific program, what area of study is of primary interest to you?

If you are not able to study abroad, do you have any plans to continue your education in the United States? If so, in what field and where?

Foreign language abilities:

Thesis subject:

Sophomore/Junior grade point average:

You will need a minimum of five letters of appraisal for the Princeton Endorsement process. Please provide name and address.

1. Appraiser's name _____
2. Appraiser's name _____
3. Appraiser's name _____
4. Appraiser's name _____
5. Appraiser's name _____

(Letters six through eight may be submitted as well to be considered for the intuitional endorsement.)

6. Appraiser's name _____
7. Appraiser's name _____
8. Appraiser's name _____

Are you applying for other fellowships? If yes, please list:
