University of Delaware

RHODES, MARSHALL, and MITCHELL
SCHOLARSHIP ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION
Due Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Dear Prospective Scholarship Applicant:

The Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarships require an institutional endorsement for each candidate. The University of Delaware uses a selective application process to determine endorsement.

To be a viable candidate for these scholarships you must:
- be admissible to the top graduate programs in your field in the U.S.
- ideally have completed some graduate coursework
- be a U.S. citizen
- be endorsed by the University of Delaware

Note: M.B.A. and veterinary degrees are not available through the Marshall and Mitchell Scholarships. As a Rhodes Scholar you can apply for the M.B.A. degree at Oxford in your 2nd year. You must complete a different master’s degree at Oxford your 1st year.

If you intend to apply in 2015-16 for any of the scholarships listed on pages 2-3, this endorsement application must be completed and returned to the UD Honors Program, 186 S. College Avenue, by Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Your application will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. A select group of finalists will be interviewed the committee. Applicants will be notified by the end of the spring semester about whether or not they have been selected as an endorsed candidate by the University of Delaware. Please provide summer contact information on this form.

Please note that if you are selected for endorsement, you will commit to working on your scholarship application(s) all summer and into the fall semester. There is a significant time commitment to present a competitive application and receive serious consideration for a prestigious national merit award, such as Marshall, Rhodes, or Mitchell.

It is crucial that you carefully research the scholarships that interest you, reading all the eligibility requirements and selection criteria. You will also need to engage in honest self-reflection on your goals, values, academic achievements, and extracurricular record in relation to the purpose of the award in question and the kind of students it seeks. In other words, you have some homework to do before you decide whether or not to apply. See:

www.rhodesscholar.org/

www.marshallscholarship.org/

http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/

Questions about Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarships should be directed to:
Kristin Bennighoff, Sr. Associate Director, UD Honors Program (kristinb@udel.edu).
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Full Name (including middle initial) 

Prefer to be called 

Graduation Semester & Year UD ID# 

E-mail @ udel.edu Local Phone No. 

Local Address 

Major(s) 

Minor(s) 

Summer Address 

Summer Phone and Email: 

State of Legal Residency Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

(You must be a United States Citizen for the Marshall/Rhodes/Mitchell Scholarships)

Place an “X” beside the following scholarship(s) you intend to apply for during 2015-16.

__ Rhodes Scholarship

Preferred Oxford degree program: 

2nd-choice degree program: 

Faculty member(s) with whom you hope to work: 

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Marshall Scholarship
Preferred U.K. institution: ________________  Degree program: ________________
2nd-choice U.K. institution: ________________  Degree program: ________________
Faculty member(s) with whom you hope to work with:

If you are interested in programs at the University of Cambridge, would you also consider applying for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship? ________________________________

Mitchell Scholarship
Preferred institution: ________________  Degree program: ________________
2nd-choice institution: ________________  Degree program: ________________
Faculty member(s) with whom you hope to work with:

POTENTIAL RECOMMENDERS
Name four people whom you would ask to write letters of recommendation in support of your scholarship application(s) if you are named a UD candidate. At least three must be faculty members. As part of the application review, we will be contacting your proposed recommenders.

1. Name: ____________________________________________
   Title or Position: ___________________________________
   Department: __________________________________________________________________
   Email: ___________________  Phone: __________________________

2. Name: ____________________________________________
   Title or Position: ___________________________________
   Department: __________________________________________________________________
   Email: ___________________  Phone: __________________________

3. Name: ____________________________________________
   Title or Position: ___________________________________
   Department: __________________________________________________________________
   Email: ___________________  Phone: __________________________

4. Name: ____________________________________________
   Title or Position: ___________________________________
   Department: __________________________________________________________________
   Email: ___________________  Phone: __________________________

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**Please provide typed answers on separate sheets and attach a current resume.**

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**
1. What academic reasons do you have to study in the U.K. (or in Ireland for the Mitchell)? What added academic value would study in the U.K. or Ireland bring you compared to graduate study in the United States?

2. What graduate programs are you planning to apply to in the U.S.?

3. What sets you apart from other applicants and makes you particularly suited for this scholarship?

4. Are you doing undergraduate research and do you plan to write a senior thesis? If not, why not? If so, who is your research professor? Please give a brief description of your current research.

**EXTRACURRICULAR & SERVICE ACTIVITIES**
1. What extra-curricular experiences have you had that will prepare you for cultural diversity and graduate school abroad?

2. Describe two to three of your most significant leadership or public service experiences in college. What was your role and how long did the activity last?

3. Describe any special talents that may be relevant to the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.

4. What are your hobbies and special interests? How long have you been engaged in these pursuits and how often do you engage in them now?

**ESSAY**
In an essay of 350 words or less (no more than one double-spaced page), please address the following questions:

- Discuss your motivation for your chosen course of post-graduate study and your professional aspirations;
- Explain why graduate study in the U.K. (or Ireland for the Mitchell) is a good academic fit for you;
- Outline important skills and insights you have acquired through studies, co-curricular, and non-academic experiences;
- Highlight your strengths or most significant accomplishments in academic, creative, and extracurricular endeavors;
- Discuss any major challenges encountered and how you dealt with them;
- Finally, what will you do if you do not win a scholarship?