

University of Delaware  
**SCHOLARSHIP ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION**  
**Marshall, Gates Cambridge, Rhodes, Mitchell, Schwarzman, and**  
**Knight-Hennessey Scholarships**  
**Due Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Kristin Bennighoff, Sr. Associate Director, UD Honors Program [kristinb@udel.edu](mailto:kristinb@udel.edu)

To: Prospective Scholarship Applicants

Many competitive scholarships like the Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarships require an institutional endorsement for applicants. The University of Delaware uses a selective application process to determine endorsement. Other scholarships require an institutional assessment or other guidance through the application process.

This application will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. A select group of finalists will be interviewed by the committee. Applicants will be notified by the end of the spring semester or early summer about whether or not they have been selected as an endorsed candidate by the University of Delaware.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be a viable candidate for most of these scholarships you must:

- be admissible to the top graduate programs in your field in the U.S.
- have completed some graduate coursework and/or be writing a senior thesis
- be a U.S. citizen
- have strong leadership activities

**STUDY IN THE UK**

Graduate study in the UK works a bit differently than in the U.S. Most Master's Degrees are 1 year degrees, and doctoral degrees require less time than in the U.S. Degree programs are often referred to as "courses." There are "taught" and "research" Masters Degrees with abbreviations like MPhil, MSc, and MRes. Doctoral degrees are sometimes referred to as a DPhil rather than a PhD.

Note: There are some degree programs/courses of study that cannot be done through the Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships. M.B.A, medical, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year. You must complete a different master's degree at Oxford your 1<sup>st</sup> year. Be sure to check the exclusions for each scholarship. See Rules for Candidates

[http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/2020\\_rules\\_2\\_year](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/2020_rules_2_year)

[http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/2020\\_rules\\_1\\_year](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/2020_rules_1_year)

<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/media/43124/usainformationforcandidates.pdf>

**DO YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE YOU APPLY**

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.

**TIME COMMITMENT IF ENDORSED**

If you are selected for endorsement, you will commit to working on your scholarship application(s) all summer and into the fall semester. Final applications are due to the foundations before October 1. There is a significant time commitment to present a competitive application and receive serious consideration for prestigious national merit awards like these.

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

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) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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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)

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP INTERESTS:**

Fill out only the pages for the scholarship(s) of interest to you.

**Marshall Scholarship [www.marshallscholarship.org/](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/)**  
**(For graduate study at any institution in the United Kingdom.)**

First choice UK institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree program(s) of interest:

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Faculty member(s) with whom you hope to work with at Institution 1:

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2<sup>nd</sup>-choice UK institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree program(s) of interest:

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Faculty member(s) with whom you hope to work with at Institution 2:

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**Mitchell Scholarship [www.us-irelandalliance.org/](http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/)**  
**(For graduate study in Ireland.)**

Preferred institution (Ireland): \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree programs of interest:

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Faculty member(s) with whom you hope to work with at Institution 1:

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2<sup>nd</sup>-choice institution (Ireland): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree programs of interest:

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Faculty member(s) with whom you hope to work with at Institution 2:

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**Rhodes Scholarship** [www.rhodesscholar.org/](http://www.rhodesscholar.org/)  
(For graduate study at the University of Oxford.)

Oxford degree programs of interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Faculty member(s) with whom you hope to work at Oxford:  
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**Gates Cambridge Scholarship** [www.gatescambridge.org/](http://www.gatescambridge.org/)  
(For graduate study at Cambridge University.)

(NOTE: Institutional endorsement not required.)

Cambridge degree programs of interest:

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

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**Schwarzman Scholarship** [www.schwarzmanscholars.org/](http://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/)  
**(For a one-year Master's Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China in either Public Policy,  
Economics & Business, or International Studies. Courses taught in English.)**

(Note: Institutional assessment letter required.)

Which of the 3 courses of study would you choose?

- Public Policy
- Economics & Business
- International Studies

**Knight Hennessey Scholarship** <https://knight-hennessy.stanford.edu/>  
(For graduate study at Stanford University)

Stanford Degree Programs of Interest:

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

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### **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 (they do not need to provide letters at this time).

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department (or institution if outside UD):  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the recommender and in what context?  
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2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department (or institution if outside UD):  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the recommender and in what context?  
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3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department (or institution if outside UD):  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the recommender and in what context?  
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4. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department (or institution if outside UD):  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the recommender and in what context?  
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**FULBRIGHT <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-us-student-program>:**

**Are you interested in applying for the Fulbright (U.S. Student Program)—a one year fellowship for an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) or Study/Research Grant? If so, which type of Fulbright and what countries interest you?**

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**OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS:**

**Are you interested in applying for other national scholarships not listed here? Which one(s)?**

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**Please provide typed answers on separate sheets.**

## **RESUME**

Please 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, China for the Schwarzman, Stanford for the Knight-Hennessy)? What added academic value would study in one of these countries 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 one essay of 350 words or less (no more than one double-spaced page), please address the following:**

- 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, China for the Schwarzman, Stanford for the Knight-Hennessy) 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?