

## THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR THE RHODES, MARSHALL, AND MITCHELL

This document is the third of four that are important in the application process for the **Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell**. The four documents are:

1. Should I Apply?
2. Guides for the Stanford Applicant
- 3. The Process of Applying**
4. Preparing for the Interviews

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### CAMPUS LEVEL APPLICATION

The Stanford Campus Deadline: **Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

#### Why such an early deadline?

The national deadlines for the Rhodes and Marshall and Mitchell Scholarships are in early October. Given the very late start date of Stanford in the fall, it is not feasible to interview all applicants after the start of school and then write individual endorsement letters and provide feedback in time to meet the national deadlines.

The campus deadline will necessitate a written application along with three references and a copy of your transcript. We will also require a list of all the references you plan to use for your applications.

### RHODES AND MARSHALL

**Due at the Overseas Resource Center on September 9, 2015:**  
**8 collated paper packets of the following application materials:**

#### **For Rhodes applicants:**

- 1) Rhodes-Marshall Campus *Cover Sheet* (available on the [Stanford Rhodes website](#))
- 2) Activities List (this can be up to 2 pages)
- 3) Rhodes Personal Statement
- 4) Official Transcripts (photocopies of your official transcripts. In each of your individual packets, this could be official e-transcript OR photocopy of official paper transcript.)

#### **For Marshall applicants:**

- 1) Rhodes-Marshall Campus *Cover Sheet* (available on the [Stanford Marshall website](#))
- 2) Marshall Personal Statement (**1,000 words**)
- 3) Marshall "Proposed Academic Programme" Essay (**500 words**)
- 4) Marshall "Leadership" Essay (**500 words**)
- 5) Marshall "Choosing the UK – Ambassadorial Potential" Essay (**500 words**)
- 6) Marshall Post Scholarship Plan (**500 words**)
- 7) Official Transcripts (photocopies of your official transcripts. In each of your 8 individual packets, this could be official e-transcript OR photocopy of official paper transcript.)

**For Rhodes and Marshall applicants (if you are applying for both awards)**

- 1) Rhodes-Marshall Campus *Cover Sheet* (available on the [Stanford Rhodes website](#))
- 2) Activities List (this can be up to 2 pages)
- 3) Rhodes Personal Statement
- 4) Marshall Personal Statement (**1,000 words**)
- 5) Marshall "Proposed Academic Programme" Essay (**500 words**)
- 6) Marshall "Leadership" Essay (**500 words**)
- 7) Marshall "Choosing the UK – Ambassadorial Potential" Essay (**500 words**)
- 8) Marshall Post Scholarship Plan (**500 words**)
- 9) Official Transcripts (photocopies of your official transcripts. In each of your 8 individual packets, this could be official e-transcript OR photocopy of official paper transcript.)

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**Mailed or sent separately to ORC also due by our campus deadline:**

- **TWO** Original Paper Official Transcripts. These transcripts will be kept in your file for the National Deadlines.
- **THREE** Letters of Recommendation. They can be emailed to John Pearson or Diane Murk.
- A recent digital passport photo or professional headshot (digital photo in PDF rather than JPG format should be emailed to June Sage at the ORC.)

**For Mitchell Applicants:**

- 1) Mitchell Cover Sheet (available on the [Stanford Mitchell website](#))
- 2) Activities List
- 3) Mitchell Personal Statement
- 4) Official Transcripts (photocopies of your official transcripts. In each of your 8 individual packets, this could be official e-transcript OR photocopy of official paper transcript.)

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**Mailed or sent separately to ORC also due by our campus deadline:**

- **ONE** Original Paper Official Transcript
- **THREE** Letters of Recommendation. They can be emailed to John Pearson or Diane Murk.

**The Campus Interviews (September 16, 20, 21, 22, 2015)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL APPLICATIONS**

**The Rhodes, Marshall and Mitchell all have national deadlines in EARLY OCTOBER. Only applicants who receive a campus endorsement (following the campus interview) will be eligible to have their application forwarded for the national screening process.**

### **Rhodes**

Please refer to the online instructions for detailed information about submitting your final Rhodes application: <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/>. If you are recommended for a Rhodes, the ORC will submit an endorsement letter on your behalf. YOU are responsible for submitting your Rhodes application online. References must be uploaded directly by the recommender on to the Rhodes application website. We recommend that you remind your recommenders that they will need to upload their letters on letterhead paper that includes their signature before the deadline.

### **Marshall**

Please refer to the Marshall website for detailed information for submitting your final application: <http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>. The Marshall Application is entirely online including the recommendations. The ORC will electronically submit all Stanford Marshall applications on the morning of the national deadline. We will also send your official transcripts to the appropriate regional center.

### **Mitchell**

The Mitchell Application is entirely online including the recommendations. The ORC will electronically submit all Stanford Mitchell institutional letters of endorsement before the national deadline for those applicants who are endorsed.

### **Selecting the Appropriate District and Region for the Rhodes and Marshall**

You may apply to a Rhodes District or Marshall Regional Committee based on your place of permanent residence or the place in which you have completed at least two years of college study. In either case, you must still go through the Stanford campus review in order to be considered for University endorsement. A disproportionate number of Stanford students apply through the Northern California District for the Rhodes, and the San Francisco Region for the Marshall. Therefore, Stanford students who are residents of other states should consider applying through their home region or district. Rhodes applicants are responsible for transportation costs to the district interview. The Marshall Committee pays the costs of transportation to and from interview sites (except if you are overseas). Consult the ORC staff for advice on your situation.

### **Please keep in mind the new Rhodes Guidelines for the Personal Statement Essay:**

However, due to the change in the Rhodes guidelines as of January 2014 and in the Mitchell guidelines as of March 2014, *if any student or alumni is applying for the Rhodes Scholarship or Mitchell Scholarship, our office, the Stanford University Overseas Resource Center cannot review or comment on, in any way, the written proposal. We may not be able to review draft statements for other UK awards if the student is applying for the Rhodes or Mitchell.*

Applicants should be aware that they should not share any versions of their Rhodes personal statement essay or Mitchell personal statement essay with anyone else for feedback or comments. (See section on Rhodes and Mitchell Scholarship Essay attestation on page 6 of the *ORC Guide for the Stanford Applicant – Now That You’ve Decided to Apply*.)\*

## **GENERAL TIPS FOR PREPARING YOUR APPLICATIONS**

- Be consistent. Be sure that items such as your name, name of program, and name of the university are consistent throughout all pages of your application.
- Type full department names when listing your references and when filling in information on the application forms. Readers outside of Stanford are often not familiar with our acronyms. This is also true when referring to departments and courses of study in your essays.
- **PROOFREAD** your application carefully. Make sure your application (campus and national level) is free of spelling, grammatical, and typographical errors. Be sure to proofread your application several times and then one more time.
- **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Both the Rhodes and the Marshall committees require digital photographs. You should use nicer, more professional photos (e.g., senior pictures) rather than passport photos for the national level applications. Neither the Rhodes nor the Marshall committee will accept casual snapshots. Plan ahead and get your portrait taken at an inexpensive, professional studio a month in advance. You will need to upload your photos to the Rhodes application and to the Marshall application. The ORC will also need a digital photo for publicity purposes in case you win the award. They will be kept in your file.
- Make sure that all the official forms are filled out completely and correctly.
- Be sure to **SAVE** a copy of all your application materials for your own records; no part of your application will be returned.
- Do not assume that everything you have requested has arrived at the appropriate offices. Please remember that **YOU** are responsible (at campus, district, and regional levels) for checking to make sure that applications, letters of reference, and transcripts get to the right place and on time!