Rhodes Scholarship (U.S.) Information Sheet
Adapted from http://www.rhodesscholar.org

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NOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Notre Dame students and alumni who are citizens of Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica & the Commonwealth Caribbean, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, countries of Southern Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe are also eligible for the Rhodes Scholarship, though eligibility requirements and many aspect of the application process will differ. Please visit http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/about/rhodes-countries for more information and contact CUSE National Fellowships at fellows@nd.edu so that we can discuss the application process.

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What is the Rhodes Scholarship (U.S.)?
The purpose of the Rhodes Scholarship, funded by the Rhodes Trust and in operation since 1904, is to provide full financial support for young Americans to pursue a degree or degrees at the University of Oxford. This support includes full tuition and fees plus a stipend of around £12,300 annually. Additional funding is not available for spouses and dependents. The Rhodes Scholarship is tenable for two years, though it can be extended for a third year for students pursuing doctorates in certain cases. In rare cases, the Scholarship can be extended for a fourth year, though only tuition and fees are covered during this year.

Who is eligible?
Rhodes Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. U.S. citizen OR U.S. permanent resident for at least five years by October 1 of the year of application.
2. At least 18 but not yet 24 by October 1 of the year of application.
3. Hold a bachelor’s degree before October 1 of the year that the scholarship would begin.

Who is competitive?
Successful applicants will demonstrate the qualities established by Cecil Rhodes when he endowed the Rhodes Scholarship: proven intellectual and academic achievement, integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead, and the energy to use their talents to
the full. Traditionally, the last quality has been indicated by success in sports, though this is not essential – there are other ways to demonstrate physical vigor. Overall, the Committees of Selection will be looking for a blend of character with intellect and a record of extraordinary achievements. Visit http://www.rhodesscholar.org/winners/ to read profiles of past winners.

What is the application process?
Applicants must apply through CUSE National Fellowships. Please see http://fellows.nd.edu/fellowships/rhodes for information about the process. Rhodes Scholarship applicants do not have to apply separately to Oxford, unless they will also be applying for a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to study there, and/or they would consider studying there independently of a Rhodes Scholarship (there are other forms of financial support available at Oxford for international students, such as the Clarendon Scholarship and the Ertegun Scholarship).

What is the selection process?
After each of the endorsement deadlines, a campus committee will review the ND applications, interview selected applicants, and endorse selected applicants. Only endorsed applicants can move forward. Endorsed applications will be sent forward to the regional competitions. Each region selects finalists by early November, who are invited to interview in their regions, typically over the weekend before Thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the weekend, each region selects two Rhodes Scholars, for a total of 32 Rhodes Scholars annually. (Note that Rhodes Scholarship and Mitchell Scholarship interviews occur on the same weekend. Those who are in the rare situation of being invited to interview for both are expected to interview for the Rhodes.)

What is the deadline?
The priority deadline to apply for a Notre Dame endorsement for the Rhodes is in April; the final deadline is in August. See http://fellows.nd.edu/fellowships/rhodes for more information.

Have ND students and alumni received Marshall Scholarships?
Yes, there have been fourteen Rhodes Scholars from Notre Dame, most recently in 2003.

What is my next step if I am interested in applying?
Find out at http://fellows.nd.edu/fellowships/rhodes.