

## **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: **September 4, 2012**

#### **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. These materials will be screened by a Stanford committee, and those applicants who pass this screening will be offered a campus interview in mid-September. In addition they will be provided with feedback at an earlier stage.

### **RHODES AND MARSHALL**

**Due at the Overseas Resource Center on September 4, 2012:**

**8 collated packets of the following:**

1. Rhodes/Marshall Cover Sheet (available on the website)
2. Two recent passport photos, one attached to cover sheet, one in a separate envelope
3. Activities List
4. Rhodes Essays and/or Marshall Essays (please see note below)
5. One Official Transcript/s and photocopies for each remaining packet. (An additional two official transcripts may be used later in the application process if needed.)

**Collate all materials in the order above, and staple. Please submit 8 packets.  
(We only need 2 photos total. Do not include a photo with each of the 8 packets)**

**Mailed or sent separately to ORC:**

- **TWO** Original Official Transcripts. These transcripts will be kept in your file for the National Deadlines.
- **THREE** Letters of Recommendation. They can be emailed or faxed to John Pearson or Diane Murk.

### **Should I turn in my Rhodes essay or Marshall essays?**

If you are applying for **both** the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships, you should turn in your Rhodes personal statement, Marshall personal statement, Marshall academic proposal, and Marshall essay “Choosing the U.K.”

If you are only applying for one of the two scholarships, turn in the essay/s for which you are applying.

### **MITCHELL**

If you are applying for the Mitchell please submit **8** separate packets consisting of:

1. Mitchell Cover Sheet (available on the website)
2. Two recent passport photos (attached to the cover sheet)
3. Activities List
4. Mitchell Personal Statement
5. One Official Transcript/s and photocopies for each remaining packet.  
(An additional official transcript may be used later in the application process if needed.)

### **Mailed or sent separately to ORC:**

- **ONE** Original Official Transcript
- **THREE** Letters of Recommendation

### **The First Campus Screening**

After you turn in your campus level application it will be paper screened by a Stanford committee. Only those applicants who pass this screening will be offered a campus interview. The majority do.

### **The Campus Interviews (September 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25)**

Students being interviewed will have a chance to review any feedback they receive from the panel. They will then submit an updated version of their application before the campus interviews.

## **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. 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 applications on the morning of the national deadline. YOU are responsible for sending your official transcripts to the national office.

## **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.

## **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, and ask a friend to do the same.
- **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Both the Rhodes and the Marshall committees require 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 two photos 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!