

THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR THE RHODES, MARSHALL AND MITCHELL The Campus and National Deadlines

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

1. Should I Apply?
2. A Guide to Developing a Strong Application
- 3. The Process of Applying: Campus and National Deadlines**
4. Preparing for the Interviews

The Gates has no campus process. Information on the national process is available at:
<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/icenter/orc/scholarships/cambridge.html>

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- Campus Level Application
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- General Tips for Preparing Your Applications
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CAMPUS LEVEL APPLICATION

The Stanford Campus Deadline: **August 29, 2008**

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 given campus interviews in late September. In addition they will be provided with feedback at an earlier stage.

RHODES AND MARSHALL

Due at the Overseas Resource Center on August 29, 2008:

1. Rhodes/Marshall Cover Sheet (available on the website)
2. 2 recent passport photos, one attached to cover sheet, one in a separate envelope
3. Activities List: List of extracurricular activities and honors while in college
4. Rhodes essay and/or Marshall essays
5. One official transcript/s

Collate all materials in the order above, and paperclip.

Mailed or sent separately to ORC:

- **TWO** original Transcripts (sent separately). These transcripts will be kept in your file for the National Deadlines.
- **THREE** Letters of Recommendation

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, and your Marshall 500 word academic proposal.

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 a separate packet consisting of:

1. Mitchell Cover Sheet (available on the website)
2. One recent passport photo (attached to the Cover Sheet)
3. Activities List: List of extracurricular activities and honors while in college
4. Mitchell Personal Statement
5. University/college transcript(s) copies or unofficial transcripts are fine for the packets

Mailed or sent separately to ORC:

ONE original transcript

THREE Letters of Recommendation

The First Campus Screening

After you turn in your campus level application, it will be screened by a Stanford Committee. Only those applicants who pass this screening will be offered a campus interview.

The Second Campus Deadline (Mid Sept. TBA)

Students being interviewed will have a chance to review any feedback they received. 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 OCT.

Rhodes

Please refer to the instructions on the Rhodes web site for detailed information about submitting your final Rhodes application: <http://www.rhodesscholar.org>

If you are recommended for a Rhodes scholarship, the ORC will submit an endorsement letter on your behalf. YOU are responsible for submitting your Rhodes application. References must be sent directly to the Rhodes district committee, and must be accompanied by a reference cover sheet. We recommend that you present your recommenders with the appropriate form, and a stamped, addressed envelope.

Marshall

Please refer to the Marshall web site for detailed information for submitting your final application <http://www.marshallscholarship.org>

The Marshall Application is entirely on-line 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 on-line 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 done 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 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. Typographical, grammatical, and spelling errors indicate carelessness and a lack of seriousness on your part and will weaken your application. Be sure to proofread your application several times and then one more time, and ask a friend to do the same. Appearance counts!

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- * **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 not accept snapshots. Plan ahead and get your portrait taken at an inexpensive, professional studio a month in advance.

- * For the campus level, you will need two original photo (affixed to the original R/M Cover Sheet) which can be a snapshot or professional photo.

- * **IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?** Make sure that all the official forms are filled out completely and correctly and that all attachments are in order.

- * Be sure to **SAVE** a copy of all your application materials for your own records; no part of your application will be returned.

- * Provide recommenders with properly addressed, stamped envelopes when appropriate. 10"x13" manila envelopes are suggested in order to avoid unnecessary folding of reference letters.

- * **FOLLOW-UP** on your application materials. Do not assume that everything you have requested has arrived at the appropriate offices. Please remember that **YOU** are responsible (at campus, state, and regional levels) for checking to make sure that applications, letters of reference, and transcripts get to the right place and on time!