



In order to apply for the Rhodes scholarship, you must earn the institutional nomination from the UNM CAELD office. To be considered, submit the UNM Preliminary Application by 11:59 pm, March 10, 2025.

I. Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or DACA grantee
- AGE:
 - (1) you must be aged 18-23 on October 1, 2025, OR
 - (2) You must be under the age of 27 on October 1, 2025, AND you must also have completed your first undergraduate degree on or after October 1, 2024
- Have a bachelor's degree from UNM by July 1, 2026
- Have competitive GPA (minimum 3.70/4.0)

II. Awards

- All educational costs, such as matriculation, tuition, laboratory and certain other fees
- The necessary costs of travel to and from Oxford.

III. Criteria

Four standards by which prospective Rhodes Scholars should be judged:

1. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
2. ENERGY TO USE YOUR TALENTS TO THE FULL as demonstrated by success in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, including where teamwork is involved.
3. TRUTH, COURAGE, DEVOTION TO DUTY, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship.
4. MORAL FORCE OF CHARACTER and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in your fellow human beings.

IV. Online Application (After UNM nomination)

- Your personal details and education history including your university transcripts
- The course(s) you would like to study at the University of Oxford
- A CV
- Essays: An Academic Statement & A Personal Statement
- A total of at least five, but not more than eight, referees

VII. Personal Statement of no more than 750 words.

In your personal statement of 750 words, we ask you to address each of the following prompts (the word allocation across the three is up to you). The three prompts are set within the Rhodes leadership development framework that informs the Scholar Programme at Rhodes House in Oxford. They ask you to consider your candidacy for and the opportunity of the Scholarship within three interrelated spheres in your own voice: 'self, others, and world':

1st "self": Which Rhodes Scholar quality do you display most strongly, and how are different contexts and people helping you to develop the other qualities? – engage us on which of the Rhodes selection

criteria you best exemplify. We do not expect you to be the ‘finished product’; we also want to hear how you intend to evolve.

2nd “others”: What would you like to learn from and contribute to the Rhodes community in Oxford? – share with us what you want to learn from and contribute to the Rhodes community, and how you hope to grow as a person and support the growth of others while at Oxford.

3rd “world”: From your place in the world, how will you use your energies and talents to address humanity’s pressing challenges? – make this personal, not generic. We anticipate your particular reflections on what is missing in society and the world today. Considering the complexities of the challenges that we are facing as humanity, we are seeking in Rhodes Scholars people who aspire to and will take action. Tell us what you imagine might be your way of making a contribution.

VIII. Selection Process

UNM Preliminary Application

1. March 10, 2025 – Deadline of the [UNM Preliminary Online Application](#) (submit by 11:59 pm)
2. Mid- April – UNM Finalists Announced
3. Late April – UNM Finalists Interview

After UNM Nomination

1. June – August – work on Online Application
2. September 25 – All recommendation letters should be submitted by your recommenders.
3. Early October - Application Deadline
4. Mid-November - Finalists Interview (about 10-12 finalists from Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah & Wyoming)

Previous Rhodes Scholars

Name	Year	Notability
Bill Clinton	1968	American politician, 42nd President of the United States, 1993–2001
Nicholas D. Kristof	1981	New York Times reporter and columnist, 2-time Pulitzer Prize winner
Heather Wilson	1982	U.S. Congresswoman (New Mexico) 1998-2009
George Stephanopoulos	1984	Moderator of ABC’s <i>This Week</i> and communications director for Bill Clinton’s 1992 presidential campaign
Naomi Wolf	1985	American author and feminist social critic
Susan Rice	1986	US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs 1997-2001, US Ambassador to the United Nations 2009–present
Piyush "Bobby" Jindal	1992	Governor (Louisiana) 2008-, U.S. Congressman (Louisiana) 2005–2007, US Assistant Secretary of Health & Human Services 2001-2004
Rachel Maddow	1995	Host of <i>The Rachel Maddow Show</i> on MSNBC, Social Activist
Cyrus Habib	2003	Member of the Washington State House of Representatives. Youngest Iranian-American elected to state office
Pete Buttigieg	2005	2020 Candidate for the Democratic Nomination for President, Mayor of South Bend, IN
Andy Kim	2005	US Representative for New Jersey
Myron Rolle	2008	All-ACC Defensive back for Florida State Seminoles; selected by NFL Tennessee Titans in the 6 th round of the 2010 draft