Dear K-State Student,

The Marshall, Mitchell and Rhodes scholarship applications require applicants to be nominated and endorsed by K-State. To become an endorsed candidate, you must apply through the campus selection process by submitting the materials requested in this application form.

**The campus deadline is Monday, May 15 by 5pm.** All materials must be submitted electronically. Late applications will be accepted but may not receive prime consideration. Interviews via Zoom will follow in the week after the deadline. If you are selected as a candidate you will work with the scholarship advisor to prepare for the final fall deadlines.

You may ask to be considered for one or more of the three awards. Be advised that the Rhodes and Mitchell interview nationally on the same day and should you be fortunate to be offered both interviews you could only compete for one of them.

This document lays out the application process for these three scholarships. In addition to these awards, I urge you to explore the following three, which do not require a nomination:

- [Fulbright U.S. Student Grant](https://www.fulbrightonline.org/) – allows for research, study or teaching of English abroad. Campus deadline is August 15.
- [Gates Cambridge Scholarship](https://www.gatescambridgescholarship.org/) - supports pursuit of a graduate degree at Cambridge. Application is normally due in October.
- [Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Scholarships](https://europa.eu/erp) - supports study of a master’s degree at European universities. Deadlines vary.

Graduating seniors interested in study (or teaching) in the UK or elsewhere in the world often apply for more than one of these programs during the fall of their senior year. I look forward to talking with you about these exciting opportunities.

Sincerely,

Beth Powers  
Director, Nationally Competitive Scholarships  
207 Leadership Studies Building  
785-532-3422, bethpowers@ksu.edu
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Scholarship websites:

Marshall Scholarship: https://www.marshallscholarship.org/
Mitchell Scholarship: https://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship
Rhodes Scholarship: https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/the-rhodes-scholarship/

Supplemental Resources:

- Interactive map of UK universities: https://www.studying-in-uk.org/uk-university-map/
- The British Council’s general guide to UK education: https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIlIWPqo_S_QIVhnNvBB2khwNXEAAYASAAEgJnyfD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds
- The Guardian’s university rankings: https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2022/sep/24/the-guardian-university-guide-2023-the-rankings
- University League Tables ranking of UK universities: https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/
- 2021 Research Excellence Framework rankings: https://www.ref.ac.uk/

As with U.S. school rankings, the UK rankings can be used as a general guide to which programs are strong at which schools. Experts in your field may or may not be at these schools.

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

The Marshall funds graduate study at most universities in the UK for one or two years and three years in some instances. Nominees apply online in their home region (determined by their permanent address). Finalists are invited to interview in that region. Marshall scholars are chosen from the finalists.

Eligibility:

- You must complete your undergraduate degree between May 2021 and May 2024.
- Graduating seniors work with the K-State selection process. Graduate students must be endorsed by their undergraduate institution.
- You must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must have a 3.7 GPA or higher excluding your freshman year. Higher GPAs are generally more competitive.
- You cannot already hold a British degree.
MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP
The Mitchell funds one year of graduate study in Ireland (Republic of or Northern Ireland). Flexibility in program/school placement is important. Nominees apply to the central Mitchell scholarship program. There is an initial computer-based interview and finalists may be invited to interview in Washington DC. Graduate students interested in applying for the Mitchell do not need to go through the campus nomination process but should consult with the scholarship advisor as they apply.

Eligibility:
- You must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must complete your undergraduate degree by August 2024.
- You must be under 30 on October 1, 2023.
- Slight preference for those who have not visited Ireland before.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP
The Rhodes funds graduate study at Oxford University in England for two years. Nominees apply online to the appropriate Rhodes District. Finalists area invited to interview at the district (16 total) through which they applied and two scholars are selected per district.

Eligibility:
- You must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or have DACA status.
- You must be at least 18 and not have passed your 24th birthday on October 1, 2023.
- You must complete your undergraduate degree by May 2024.
- You must have a 3.7 GPA or higher excluding your freshman year. Higher GPAs are generally more competitive.
- You may apply up to two times if you are unsuccessful the first time.

Application Instructions
Please type directly into the application which starts on page 8. A completed campus application consists of the following:

1. Transcripts from ALL schools where you have earned college credit.
2. At least 5 letters of reference.
3. Completed and printed copies of pages 8 and 9 of this form.
4. Study proposal, essay and resume as detailed on page 10.
Submit the application online to bethpowers@ksu.edu by Monday, May 15 at 5pm.

Transcripts and letters may arrive separately.

TIPS:
1. Review your ELIGIBILITY first to make sure your time is well spent. Check with Beth Powers if you have questions.

2. TRANSCRIPTS cannot be obtained for you. Please provide an official or unofficial transcript from each and every college or university that has granted you college credit. An unofficial K-State transcript is acceptable and can be ordered from KSIS through the Other Academics section. You can submit the transcripts with your application or you can request that the schools mail them to bethpowers@ksu.edu

3. For LETTERS OF REFERENCE start the process by asking each individual if they are willing to write a strong letter on your behalf. If they agree to help you, then please share Pages 6 and Page 7 of this packet with each willing recommender. It is also advisable to share your résumé and discuss your plans for the future with these individuals, so that their letter best supports your application.

Request at least five letters. Solicit more if you can. You should have taken university classes from (or conducted academic research with) at least four recommenders. Include at least two professors in your major. References need not all come from faculty though. Variety is good. Please request these letters in a formal, organized and timely way. As a general rule, it is good manners to request letters of recommendation four weeks before they are due, especially if the person has not written for you before. Feel free to discuss your recommender choices with Beth Powers.

Your letter writers should write one overall letter to the campus committee. If you are nominated, they will write separate letters for each award to which you apply in the fall.

4. The PERSONAL STATEMENT should discuss your future goals and current perspective in a way that introduces the reader to you and your relevant life experience. These awards seek individuals who aspire to make a substantial impact through their future plans. Thus, you should find a way to articulate why you believe your goals matter to you, the communities important to you and to society. Your current major and future aspirations should show a logical progression. Your essay should not exceed 1000 words.

5. The RÉSUMÉ should focus primarily on activities and honors from your college years.

6. The PROGRAM OF STUDY should outline what you propose to study in the UK and/or Ireland. Write a single essay to address the overall topic(s) you want to study and discuss each university degree program that would be proposed in your application and why it is a good fit for you on your life/career path.
While we appreciate seeing thoughtful and informed choices that reasonably reflect your interests, the proposal is not binding. We expect that nominees will continue to refine their curriculum plans if they are chosen as candidates.

Here are some tips regarding the search for a plan of study:

• The Mitchell values flexibility. For the Mitchell, you should verify that there would be programs of interest at multiple schools in Ireland.

• Your proposed field of study does not have to be exactly the same as your undergraduate major. However, you must be well-qualified for whatever degree you propose. Candidates trying to “change directions” are typically not nominated.

• For Rhodes or Marshall you may combine two programs of study (one year each) instead of selecting a single degree. Marshall applicants may to split their tenure between two different universities.

• While Marshall will consider proposals for only spending one year in the UK, it is not their preferred option.

• It is not possible to pursue an MD, JD, MBA or other professional degrees through these scholarships. Students planning to eventually pursue these fields will often target a complementary degree instead.

• Talk with your professors. Some have studied in Ireland or the UK, or know colleagues there.

• Use the 2021 Research Excellence Framework website to initially narrow your list of schools to those whose research productivity in your field is rated highly.

• For the Marshall specifically, if an applicant puts Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College, King’s College London, LSE or UCL as their first-choice institution, none of these universities can be listed as second choice institutions.

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Marshall/Mitchell/Rhodes Recommendation Request Form

To: 

From: 

I am requesting a letter of recommendation for the campus nomination process for the scholarships listed above. If I am nominated I will also request a revised and/or updated draft for national submission in September 2023.

In both instances I grant you permission to include any information that is considered confidential under FERPA (the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) that you might deem relevant. This includes information about my grades/GPA/class rank and details regarding specific projects/tests/assignments. It also includes candid evaluation regarding my performance in relation to any of those elements.

In addition, I acknowledge that the Code of Ethics for the National Association of Fellowship Advisers states that students should: “Neither compose their own letters for faculty to sign (even at the request of faculty) nor ask faculty members to show them their letters of recommendation.”

I also waive [ ] or do NOT waive [ ] my right to request a copy of your letter at any time in the future. I do understand that I will not – under any circumstance – be able to obtain a copy of your letter from the Kansas State University Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships or from the national organizations associated with these competitions.

Signed ________________________________

Date:
Instructions for Recommenders

Kansas State University can only endorse a limited number of candidates nationally in the Marshall, Mitchell and Rhodes competitions. Accordingly, the selection of nominees must reflect a very high standard. Letters of recommendation are an important part of this. We do very much appreciate your willingness to write on behalf of your student. Thank you.

Enthusiastic letters that supply meaningful detail are highly valued by the committee. Candid evaluations will help us make good decisions. A brief sketch of what is sought in each competition is included below:

- **MARSHALL**
  Funds graduate study at practically any school in the United Kingdom for one to three years. “Preference will be given to candidates who combine high academic ability with the capacity to play an active part in the life of the United Kingdom university to which they go, and to those who display the potential to make a significant contribution to their own society.”

- **MITCHELL**
  Funds one year of graduate study in Ireland. Intended to introduce future American leaders from all majors to Ireland. “Applicants are judged on three criteria: Scholarship, Leadership and Sustained Commitment to community and public service.”

- **RHODES**
  Funds 1-2 years of graduate study at Oxford University in England. “The intellectualstandard sought is very high. Candidates will also be required to show integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead and the energy to use their talents to the fullest. One may infer that Cecil Rhodes expected his scholars to play an influential part in the betterment of society wherever their careers might take them.”

Here are some additional details specific to the campus nomination process:

1. Please send/address your letter to: Beth Powers, Director
   KSU Nationally Competitive Scholarships
   207 Leadership Studies Building
   Manhattan, KS 66506

2. I prefer to accept letters electronically. Please send to **bethpowers@ksu.edu**

3. At the campus level, do NOT write distinct letters for each competition. There is only one campus committee.

4. Recommenders sometimes ask about the appropriate greeting. **Dear Selection Committee** is fine.

5. If your student is nominated, you will need to upload updated, delineated and distinctly addressed, letters to the appropriate national competitions in September 2023.

6. The campus deadline is **May 15, 2023**.

7. Please contact me (Beth Powers) at **(785) 532-3422** or **bethpowers@ksu.edu** if you have questions or concerns. Thank you again for your time and effort in support of these excellent students.
## PERSONAL INFORMATION (typing or handwriting this page is acceptable)

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I am applying for candidacy for the: Marshall □ Mitchell □ Rhodes □

I also intend to apply for the: Gates □ Fulbright □ Other

I am a US citizen: □ OR

I will apply for the Rhodes as a citizen of the following eligible country:

Have you studied at any British school previously? Please provide a short explanation if so:

## REFERENCES

Soliciting at least eight letters of reference is preferred for the campus competition (five minimum). At least four should come from faculty with whom you have taken classes or done research.

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AVAILABILITY

A faculty panel will conduct interviews with the most qualified applicants as the final step in the campus nomination process. These will occur over Zoom on May 18 or 19 (Thursday/Friday).

Mark those times when you are **NOT** free for an interview. Please indicate your availability as generously as possible (to keep me from pulling my hair out). The campus interview will only take 15-20 minutes.

Although formal dress is not required, applicants are advised to dress respectfully.

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ESSAYS & RÉSUMÉ

The following documents are the essential heart of your application and closely mirror what you are asked to provide at the national level. Include the personal statement, study proposal and résumé with Pages 8-9 of this application when you email me your materials.

Letters of reference and transcripts may arrive separately.

Please use Times New Roman font to complete the essays and limit your font size to either 11 or 12 pt. Double or 1½ spacing for essays is also appreciated.

1. STUDY PROPOSAL

Briefly indicate which award(s) you would like to apply for nationally: Marshall, Mitchell and/or Rhodes. Tell us what degree(s) you would seek, including the focus of your studies within that degree / what scholarly questions you hope to explore. Limit your answer to 750 words or less for the entire document (about 250 words per award).

☐ For Rhodes, tell us what you hope to study at Oxford University.

☐ For the Marshall, you can propose to study at almost any university in the United Kingdom. Tell us your ideal program of study and what attracts you to it. Also tell us about an alternative UK program (or programs) that would meet the same objectives.

☐ For the Mitchell, they value flexibility. Tell us what you want to study and demonstrate that there are multiple schools in Ireland that would accommodate that topic rather than singling out a particular school.

2. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Limit your essay to about 1000 words or less. Write your essay in a clear and direct manner. We are looking for a biographical view of you that helps us understand your future goals and your view of the world that animates those goals. Make sure we know:

1. What you hope to accomplish in the future.
2. Why you care about and are committed to those goals.
3. What experiences have shaped your current outlook and direction.

The best personal statements make an argument about what the writer believes about the world and what they hope to accomplish while introducing the reader to an interesting person (you).

The word “passion” is so overused that it becomes a liability in most essays. Don’t abuse it.

4. LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES (RÉSUMÉ)

You may use an existing résumé as a starting point, both in terms of content and style. You are not limited to one page. Please include dates. Use as many pages as necessary for a complete listing. We prefer too much detail over an incomplete account.

Along with the employment, internship and extracurricular data that you would typically include in your résumé, we are also interested in travel and international study, research efforts, volunteer work, projects you have initiated, hobbies, athletic efforts, scholarships/awards/prizes, leadership roles and artistic projects. Pre-college activities may be included when they are truly significant and/or relate to your ongoing interests and qualifications for the award. To put it another way . . . you should include anything that has claimed your time and enthusiasm.