Rhodes Scholarship

• Purpose
  o Thirty-two American Rhodes Scholars are selected on the basis of intellectual distinction, leadership, and service from all over the nation to pursue a course of study of their own choosing at Oxford for two years, with all tuition fees paid and a living allowance provided. Students may work towards a master’s degree or a second bachelor’s degree during their time at Oxford University.

• Eligibility Requirements
  o Student must be a U.S. Citizen.
  o Student must be a lawful permanent resident of the United States for prior to and including at least 5 years of the application deadline.
  o Student must be at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age.
  o Student must be sufficiently advanced academically to assure completion of a bachelor’s degree before October 1 in the year following election.

• Application Process
  o To apply for the Rhodes Scholarship students must first contact the campus representative, Dr. Ravi Paul, to start the application process.
  o Students can expect the following requirements of the application process:
    ▪ The endorsement of East Carolina University
    ▪ Between 5 and 8 letters of recommendation, 4 of which must be persons from whom the student has received collegiate instruction, and 1 that speaks to the character of the student
    ▪ A personal statement not exceeding 1000 words
    ▪ A list of principal activities
    ▪ Proof of citizenship
    ▪ A certified transcript
    ▪ A passport sized photograph
  o The application deadline is early October.

• Selection Process
  o Applications are reviewed and finalists will be notified of interviews no later than November.
  o Historically, elections for the scholarship are made and winners announced following interviews during the weekend preceding Thanksgiving.

• Campus Contact
  o To apply, contact ECU Faculty Representative, Dr. Ravi Paul, at paulr@ecu.edu, 252-737-1049.

• Website Link
  o For more information, please visit www.rhodesscholar.org