**2016-2017 Yale Marshall/Mitchell/US&Canadian Rhodes application checklist, for reference**

Consult the Yale Marshall/Mitchell/Rhodes application timetable & the Yale [Student Grants Database](http://studentgrants.yale.edu) for further details.

**By 1pm, Monday, August 8, 2016**, to be eligible to apply for Yale’s endorsement you must:

1. **Begin an application** for the “Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes - Common Application for Yale Endorsement” in the [Yale Student Grants Database](http://studentgrants.yale.edu); alumni who have trouble accessing it should contact studentgrants@yale.edu for help. As there is one common application process for endorsement all of these fellowships, application materials, including letters, should all be uploaded into the database through the one “Common Application.”.

2. **Request 4 letters** via the “Common Application” entry in the Yale Database. *Before* you click to “request” these via the Database, and well in advance: confirm that these people are willing to write for you. It is helpful to follow up by sending the appropriate Yale Request for Reference (found where this checklist is posted online), along with drafts of your essays (if requested), résumé, and any other helpful materials, to the four (4) writers whose letters you would like the campus committee to read (one of which must be from your “primary academic recommender”; see the Yale notes for recommenders). Please request that letters be uploaded to the Database by the campus deadline on August 22nd if possible.

*If you miss this preliminary deadline* without prior permission (granted only in extraordinary circumstances) you will **not** be able to submit an application for Yale’s endorsement for these fellowships this year.

**By 1pm, Monday, August 22, 2016:** upload & submit the required application materials, **via** your entry for “Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes - Common Application for Yale Endorsement” in the [Yale Student Grants Database](http://studentgrants.yale.edu); alumni who have trouble accessing it should contact studentgrants@yale.edu for help, **EVEN IF** letters aren’t yet in. Please submit the following:

1. A PDF of the (one) appropriate official online application (found via the official website), including all essays, as follows:
   a. **Marshall:** If applying for Marshall, whether alone or with Mitchell and/or Rhodes, submit a pdf of your [official online Marshall application](http://studentgrants.yale.edu) (open in late spring). [Applicants in the creative or performing arts should also consult the Fellowships office concerning appropriate supplementary materials to submit and how to submit them.]
   b. **Mitchell:** If applying only for Mitchell, submit a pdf of your [official online application](http://studentgrants.yale.edu) (open in April). If applying for Mitchell and either Marshall or Rhodes, submit either your Marshall or Rhodes application as appropriate and for the Mitchell only the list of proposed Irish universities and degrees.
   c. **Rhodes:** If applying only for Rhodes (or only for Rhodes and Mitchell, but not Marshall), submit a pdf of your [official online Rhodes application](http://studentgrants.yale.edu) (Canadian and US Rhodes applications usually open in July). If applying for Marshall and Rhodes, for Rhodes submit only which Oxford course(s) of study you’re proposing.

2. The required questions in the Common Application for Endorsement [please see overleaf for the text of some of these].

3. A detailed résumé or list of activities and awards (two pages max).

4. **Transcripts:**
   - **Yale College:** Fellowships will pull an unofficial Yale College transcript for your campus application.
   - **Non-Yale College,** if applicable: if applying for the Marshall, please have an official transcript from each college/university attended other than Yale College sent directly to the Fellowships office by the [campus application deadline](http://studentgrants.yale.edu). If applying only for Yale’s endorsement for the Mitchell and/or US/Canadian Rhodes, copies of unofficial transcripts will do for the campus competition (and may be submitted via the Yale Database), but note that if you are endorsed for further competition you may need official transcripts later on (see below).

5. Don’t forget to click to preview and submit your Common Application for Endorsement via the Yale Database. This must be done before the deadline, and may be done even before all letters are in.

**Important Notes:**

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Yale applicants for the **Mitchell and/or Rhodes** must upload the final versions of their essays to the official application system(s) **before** campus endorsement interviews (starting about September 6th) and **not** to alter them thereafter. (See next page.)

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**All applicants:** unless asked to do so by the Fellowships office, please **DO NOT** click to submit your application(s) via the official national application system(s); do not (apart from institution if requested) enter endorser information; and do not ask recommenders to upload their letters via the official online application systems over the summer. Instead, for the campus application, **before 1 pm on August 8th**, request that four letters be submitted **via the Yale Database** by August 22nd if possible. As long as you submit all the materials for which applicants are directly responsible, **before** the campus application deadline, a letter may come in a bit later.

**Late applications will NOT be accepted** without prior permission (granted only in truly extraordinary circumstances).

**Any queries** you or your recommenders have should be referred to fellowships@yale.edu or 203-432-8685.
As part of the application for Yale's endorsement for the Marshall, Mitchell, US or Canadian Rhodes, candidates are asked to answer the following questions:

I have read the official information provided in the official rules and on the websites of the relevant fellowship(s). □ Yes □ No

As applicable: As I am applying for the Rhodes and/or Mitchell, I state here that I will be able in good faith to sign the required attestation, that neither my essay nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application. I agree to upload the final version of my Rhodes/Mitchell essay(s) to the official application website(s) before my campus endorsement interview in September and not to alter said essay(s) subsequently. □ Yes □ No

If selected as a winner of this fellowship, I permit my name and other biographical information to be announced or posted as a winner via Yale websites or publications. □ Yes □ No

**Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action while at Yale or at any other school, university or program? □ Yes □ No**

**Have you ever been arrested, charged with, or convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor? □ Yes □ No**

**(A candidate who answers “yes” to any of these three questions is asked to provide appropriate details to Kate Dailinger in the Fellowships office. Anyone with questions or concerns about these questions or their answers is encouraged to contact Kate, who will gladly talk things over in private.)**

I certify that all of the information that I have submitted for this application is my own work and is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I have not omitted any information relevant to the questions asked or to the consideration of my application. I agree to notify the Fellowships office and the funding authority immediately if any of this information changes. I understand and agree that the appropriate Yale staff may independently review my educational record to confirm or supplement the information I have provided in my application.

Remember: should your application(s) be endorsed

by Yale for the Marshall, Mitchell, and/or Rhodes, additional materials may be required, including those listed below. Please read the official guidelines carefully and collect any required materials in advance.

**Marshall**

If your application is endorsed by Yale for the Marshall, you will need to finalize and click to submit your official application electronically by September 26th to ensure that it is endorsed and forwarded to the Marshall Commission by the national deadline on October 3rd. In addition, we will need to forward hardcopy official transcripts from all the colleges/universities you’ve attended (so be sure to have transcripts from institutions other than Yale sent directly to the Fellowships office by the August campus application deadline).

If you are fortunate enough to be called for a finalist interview in November, you are likely to be asked for a photograph, and also to bring with you a signed copy of your application, a medical form signed by a physician, and evidence of date of birth and US citizenship (a passport would be perfect).

Should you be so fortunate as to be named a Scholar-Elect, you will be asked fairly shortly for everything required for a formal application for admission to your first-choice degree course (at least the first year of plan A).

**Mitchell**

If your application is endorsed by Yale for the Mitchell, you will need to be able to upload electronic images of the following as part of your official online application before 5pm on the September 30th deadline:

- one digital passport-type head-and-shoulders photograph of you;
- a digital image of your signature; and
The official Mitchell application requires four (4) letters (to be uploaded there before 5pm on Sept. 30).

If you are fortunate enough to be called for a semi-finalist interview you will need to provide a scan of your birth certificate, passport, or documented evidence of US citizenship (your driver’s license doesn’t count).

If you are fortunate enough to be called for a finalist interview in November, you will be asked to bring originals of documents scanned and submitted electronically, as well as official transcripts.

US Rhodes

If your application is endorsed by Yale for the US Rhodes, you will need to finalize and submit your application electronically. The Fellowships office will give you the necessary details to enter for the institutional endorser (and will ensure that your endorsement is uploaded by the deadline). Remember that the official application also requires, by the US Rhodes’ October 5th national deadline (see the official Notes of Guidance and FAQs):

- a copy of your passport, birth certificate, or other proof of age & citizenship; and
- official transcripts of all colleges/universities attended (the Fellowships office will help with the official Yale transcript, but any others are your responsibility).
- Applicants who are US Permanent Residents should also note the declaration and documents required by the Rhodes.

Please also remember that, although the campus process only asks for four letters of recommendation, the official US Rhodes application requires five to eight (5-8) letters (uploaded by their writers by Oct. 5th).

If you are fortunate enough to be called for a finalist interview in November, you may be asked for a digital or scanned passport-sized head-and-shoulders photograph and for originals of documents scanned and submitted electronically as part of your application, including official transcripts.

Should you be so fortunate as to be named a Scholar-Elect, you will be asked shortly thereafter for everything required of a formal application for admission to the degree course of your choice (check the Oxford website for details: note, e.g., that two substantive samples of written work are requested for most programs in the humanities & social sciences, and that—although most postgraduate courses in the UK don’t ask for them—some highly quantitative courses like Economics do require GRE scores).

Canadian Rhodes

If your application is endorsed by Yale for the Canadian Rhodes, you will need to finalize and submit your application electronically. The Fellowships office will work with the office of the President to take care of your institutional endorsement letter. Remember that the official application also requires, by the Canadian Rhodes’ October 14th national deadline (see official Notes of Guidance):

- a copy of an official birth certificate or other government-issued evidence of age;
- official transcripts of all colleges/universities attended (the Fellowships office will help with the official Yale transcript, but any others are your responsibility); and
- a digital or scanned head-and-shoulders photograph of you.

Please also remember that, although the campus process only asks for four letters of recommendation, the official Canadian Rhodes application requires exactly six (6) letters (to be uploaded by their writers by Oct. 14th).

If you are fortunate enough to be called for a finalist interview you will also be required to submit a medical certificate signed by a physician. (You may also need at some point to provide evidence of residence in Canada.)

Should you be so fortunate as to be named a Scholar-Elect, you will be asked shortly thereafter for everything required of a formal application for admission to the degree course of your choice (check the Oxford website for details: note, e.g., that two substantive samples of written work are requested for most programs in the humanities & social sciences, and that—although most postgraduate courses in the UK don’t ask for them—some highly quantitative courses like Economics do require GRE scores).