

Recommender Guidance - 2016 Rhodes Scholarship

Important Dates:

- September 1, 2015 - Campus Nomination Deadline**
Recommenders are encouraged to share letters with the nominating committee by this date. Past recommendations or draft letters work at this stage as well.
- September 25, 2015 – Deadline for sharing recommendations with the Director of Scholar Development.** Thank you for sharing (at least a draft version of) your recommendation with me by email at kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu by this date to allow me to include your perspective in our institutional nomination letter as requested by the Rhodes Trust.
- October 1, 2015 - Deadline for submission of final nominee applications and recommendations.** Because online application portals can and do malfunction, I encourage writers to upload their letters into the system by **5 PM on Tuesday, September 30, 2015**, but letters **MUST** be in the application system by **11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Thursday, October 1, 2015**.

Resources for Recommenders:

- The Rhodes Trust's **2015 Referee Guide**
<http://www.rhodesscholar.org/assets/uploads/USAREfereeGuidance%281%29.pdf>

This guide includes direction on the following topics:

- a brief description of the scholarship's **mission and requirements**,
- insight into what **kind of content** the district committees find most useful, and
- **step-by-step directions for uploading your letter to Rhode's Embark application portal** once you receive your electronic submission prompt*.

**This prompt is generated when the student enters your information into the application platform.*

If you have not yet received the electronic invitations to submit your letters of recommendation from the Rhodes organization, please let me or your nominee know as soon as possible.

Address and Salutation:

I've included the appropriate **address and salutation information** for your final letter below, which should be saved on letterhead with a formal signature. A [Formatted sample recommendation](#) is available on our website.

Address for Rhodes District 12:

Joel K. Goldstein,
Secretary, Rhodes District 12
Saint Louis University School of Law,
100 North Tucker Boulevard,
St. Louis, MO 63101

Sample Salutation for Rhodes District Committee:

Dear Secretary Goldstein and the 2016 Rhodes District 12 Committee:

Institutional Contact at the University of Iowa:

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