



THE MANDELA RHODES  
FOUNDATION

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### A. BASIS OF APPLICATION

Please indicate if you are;

Nominated by your university or tertiary institution:

Self-nominated applying directly to the MRF:

### B. PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname : _____	First names: _____
Title: _____	Date of birth (yy/mm/dd): _____
ID / Passport no.: _____ (Please indicate)	Age: _____
Race: _____	Gender: _____
Home language: _____	Citizenship: _____
Father's occupation: _____	Mother's occupation: _____

### C. CONTACT DETAILS (NB Please include codes)

Telephone no. (During term time): _____	Telephone no. (During vacations): _____
Cell: _____	Skype address: _____
Physical residential address (during term time): _____	Permanent address (parents'/next of kin/during vacations): _____

Postal address (during term time) (if different to the above): _____	Postal address (during vacations) (if different to the above): _____
Primary e-mail: _____	Alternative e-mail: _____

<b>D. NATIONALITY &amp; RESIDENCE</b>
Country, province and place (e.g. village/city) of birth: _____
Current nationality: _____
Other nationality, if applicable: _____

<b>E. COMMENTS</b>
If you wish to add clarification to any of the information above, please do so briefly here.   

<b>F. UNIVERSITY / HIGHER EDUCATION</b>
Please provide details of all university and higher education institutions attended, entering your current or most recent institution first.
University/institution attended: _____
Attendance dates: _____
Degree/qualification obtained or studying for: _____
Main subject(s)/major(s): _____
Result/grade/classification /GPA to date: _____
University/institution attended: _____
Attendance dates: _____
Degree/qualification obtained or studying for: _____

Main subject(s)/major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Result/grade/classification /GPA to date: \_\_\_\_\_

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University/institution attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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Main subject(s)/major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**G. HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION**

High school/institution attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**H. PROPOSED COURSE OF STUDY**

Please enter the course of study you would like to pursue if awarded a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship:

\_\_\_\_\_

**I. PROPOSED UNIVERSITY OF STUDY**

Do you intend remaining at your current institution:                      Yes                      No

If not, please provide the reason/s for your decision and indicate where you intend studying next year.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicants must apply to their chosen universities separately and awards are conditional on the applicant being offered a place at the relevant university.

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Please enter the name of the institution you want to attend:

**I. LIST OF REFEREES**

**Note:** At least 3 must be persons from whom you have received undergraduate or graduate instruction. ALL referee letters must be attached to your application before submitting.

<b>Referee 1</b> Name: _____ Contact no.: _____ E-mail: _____ Physical address: _____ _____	<b>Referee 2</b> Name: _____ Contact no.: _____ E-mail: _____ Physical address: _____ _____
<b>Referee 3</b> Name: _____ Contact no.: _____ E-mail: _____ Physical address: _____ _____	<b>Referee 4</b> Name: _____ Contact no.: _____ E-mail: _____ Physical address: _____ _____

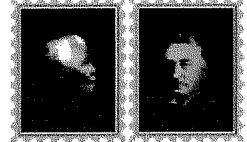
**Consent and declaration**

1. I do hereby give my unqualified consent to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation (herein referred to as the "Foundation") to make whatsoever enquiries it deems fit about me in connection with my suitability to be awarded a Scholarship for which I have applied.
2. In addition, I indemnify and hold harmless the Foundation, its Trustees, its employees, and its representatives against any claims, cost and expenses of whatever nature as a result of or leading from the enquiry referred to above.
3. I have read and am familiar with eligibility requirements and Scholarship terms.
4. I accept that the decision of the Foundation with regard to my application will be final.
5. I further declare that any misrepresentation of the facts in thus application by false declaration, omission of information or both will entitle the Foundation to summarily terminate my Scholarship.

Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_



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### **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

*Note to the student and referees*

#### **TO THE STUDENT**

Please fill in your name. Give this form to at least three individuals from whom you have received undergraduate or graduate instruction.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Institution where/she studies \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person; e.g. Dean of Students \_\_\_\_\_

*(This will be the person who coordinates nominations for the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship)*

#### **TO THE REFEREE**

The applicant listed above is applying for the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship. The Scholarship promotes academic excellence, leadership, reconciliation and entrepreneurship. In honour of its two co-founders, Nelson Mandela and the Rhodes Trust, the Scholarship is offered to selected candidates with a passion and ability to lead and make a difference in society.

In your reference, kindly indicate whether the candidate has demonstrated the abilities reflected above. If you believe she or he has, please give examples concisely of situations where he/she has done so.

Please include your contact details such as your cellular number and email address. Kindly sign your reference.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and for being prepared to contribute to the future of this potential Mandela Rhodes Scholar.

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## THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

### PURPOSE AND VISION

#### Vision

The central purpose of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa (whilst also seeking to foster better reconciliation and entrepreneurship) through its various programmes and, to this end, aims to be the leading protagonist in Africa for such endeavours..

We do this in the firm belief that, in the words of our Founder and Patron, Mr Nelson Mandela “.. *the work of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation will substantively contribute to a better life for the people of South Africa and further abroad on the African continent ..*”

The Mandela Rhodes programmes will develop leadership and vocational capacity across African society, to help the continent achieve success and prosperity and full equal participation in the global world. They will constitute ‘History At Work’, extracting from past legacies to help Africa succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Scholarships Programme will be the main focus for the foreseeable future.

#### Mission

Whilst in pursuit of this vision, we recognise that we have a variety of stakeholders with different needs and expectations. The Mission that The Mandela Rhodes Foundation undertakes for each of these stakeholders is as follows;

- For the donors, who empower and endow the MRF, we endeavour to provide an efficient and professionally managed and governed enterprise which serves as the vehicle and conduit to deliver the jointly-desired social impact indicated by our vision and purpose.
- For the Scholars and other programme participants, we strive to support and build the leadership and intellectual capacity that is needed in order for the MRF to have the kind of social impact that we seek to attain in our vision.
- For the communities, from whom we source our Scholars and for whom we ultimately seek to deliver social benefit, the MRF undertakes never to forget the purpose for which we exist and, in so doing, we pledge to work tirelessly and with accountability so as to maximise the impact that we seek to enable through those whom our programmes empower.
- For our related charities and Foundations (e.g.: The Rhodes Trust, the other ‘Mandela’ Foundations), with whom we share common heritage, we strive to act collaboratively as needs be and in ways that mutually enhance our respective endeavours and build our collective reputation.

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- For the staff who work on delivering the outcomes of the MRF, we strive to offer an inspiring and rewarding opportunity for them to be key players in the delivery of that enabling work that is needed to bring the lofty objectives of our vision into being.

**The Trustees of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation**  
Cape Town, South Africa, 2005



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## THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

### THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

#### Criteria

- Open to citizens of all African countries
- For postgraduate study at a South African university or tertiary institution (Honours and Masters degrees only)
- Any individual between 19 and 30 years of age
- Individuals that reflect in their character a commitment to the four principles of Education, Reconciliation, Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship
- Applicants should have a history of well above average academic results

#### Application documentation

- Complete the application form which should be available from the contact person at your tertiary institution or download the application form from [www.mandelarhodes.org](http://www.mandelarhodes.org)
- Contact between three and five referees who would be willing to write reference letters for you. Please ensure that no less than three are from academics who have taught you.
- Ensure that you include the following documentation in your application:
  - A certified copy of your identity document, birth certificate, residency certificate or passport
  - A certified copy of your official academic transcript
  - A CV detailing your work experience, leadership positions, extramural activities, and any honours or awards you have received.

#### Application process

Initial applications are by-and-large processed through the tertiary institutions. Exceptions will be made only for candidates not currently based at a tertiary institution. In these instances applications should be made directly to the Mandela Rhodes Foundation Scholarships Programme.

Each institution will nominate candidates to be sent through to the next round of selections. The Mandela Rhodes Foundation will then shortlist candidates for a final interview.

Candidates shortlisted to attend the final interview will be required to submit an essay, on a topic provided to them. These candidates will then attend an interview with the panel of selectors in Cape Town in October. All shortlisted candidates will be informed shortly thereafter as to the status of their application.

*Contact the Dean of Students  
at your institution to find out  
the closing date for applications.*

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## CHARACTERISTICS SOUGHT IN A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR

### Young African,

**Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar** if you dream of being a leader; a leader in whose **blend of character and intellect** Africa will take pride.

Aspire to this if you believe you have within you the moral force of character and instinct to lead; and understand that leadership is more than personal ambition, it is also service, requiring the will and capacity to inspire and develop fellow human beings to their own excellence;

Aspire to this if you believe that the advancement of individual and social fulfillment, human rights, dignity, the achievement of fundamental freedoms, is among the highest of callings;

Aspire to this if you believe that hard work is essential, and you esteem the performance of public duties to be among the noblest of aims.

**Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar** if you understand education to be both a **gift and a tool for the advancement of human development**, to the benefit of all.

Aspire to this if you value and pursue scholastic attainment, but understand that intellectual excellence is not to be seen in isolation from other qualities of character; that leaders require a roundedness of personality;

Aspire to this if you believe that in receiving an exceptional education, an individual embraces a responsibility to foster such opportunities for others;

Aspire to this if you believe that your own success might also make a difference to others.

**Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar** if you believe in an **entrepreneurial spirit** to allow Africa to take with dignity its rightful place as an equal and competitive presence in the global world.

Aspire to this if you have the vigour to pursue this aim with integrity; and the energy to use your talents to the full, as exemplified by a fondness for and success in team pursuits beyond the confines of your professional career;

Aspire to this if you believe that individual human effort, innovation and creativity will lead to the betterment of society and an effective contribution to the world;

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Aspire to this if you love Africa and all of its peoples.

**Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar** if you believe in **reconciliation, freedom, peace and prosperity among all human beings**, who should share equal citizenship and opportunities in this world.

Aspire to this if you believe in being part of creating a humane world in which all individuals and cultures enjoy equal respect; a world whose emergence will say a new order is born in which we are all each other's keepers;

Aspire to this if you value truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship;

Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you believe that the past, in all its imperfection, should be harnessed to benefit the present and the future.

**The Trustees of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation**  
Cape Town, South Africa, 2005.



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## THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 1. General terms and conditions of the Scholarships programme

A Mandela Rhodes Scholarship enables a Scholar to study at a South African tertiary institution registered with the South African Council on Higher Education for an accredited postgraduate degree programme. The Scholarship is awarded for one or a maximum of two years, currently for an Honours or Masters degree.

Mandela Rhodes Scholars shall:

- 1.1. Adhere to the principles and goals of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme.
- 1.2. Attend leadership workshops as offered by the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme, on dates to be advised. Attendance is a condition of accepting the Scholarship, unless there are exceptional circumstances agreed to by the MRF.
- 1.3. Be offered access to peer-mentoring (optional for the Scholar).
- 1.4. According to the current policy of the MRF, be younger than 30 years of age at the time of taking up the Scholarship

#### 2. Conditions of tenure

- 2.1 The continued holding of the Scholarship is dependent upon the maintenance of evidence-based, high standards of work and conduct which, in the opinion of the Trustees, justifies the holding of the Scholarship.
- 2.2 Other scholarships may not be held in conjunction with a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship. If a Scholar is in doubt about what constitutes another scholarship as opposed to awards or prizes, they should consult the MRF.
- 2.3 Furthermore, the continued holding of the Scholarship is dependent on the Scholar upholding the values, principles and standards of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, as determined by the Trustees.
- 2.1 Where Scholars are in breach of such standards, values and principles for any reason the MRF may cease payments to and participation in the programme by the Scholar.

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### **3. Financial scope of the Scholarship**

The Scholarship covers the cost of a Scholar as follows:

- 3.1 Tuition and registration fees as set by the institution.
- 3.2 A study materials allowance as set by the MRF.
- 3.3 Accommodation and meal allowances as set by the MRF.
- 3.4 A medical aid allowance as set by the MRF
- 3.5 Economy-class travel allowance for international Scholars only from the Scholar's home to their institution at the beginning and back home at the end of their degree programme.
- 3.6 Personal allowance

#### ***Scholars must note the following:***

- 3.7 Allowances are paid twice a year, conditional on provision of proof of registration or acceptance, and on receipt of the stipulated progress report from the tertiary institution no later than two weeks after the start of the second semester.
- 3.8 Tuition and registration fees are paid directly to the tertiary institution, while all other allowances are administered according to the MRF's policies for that year.
- 3.9 Any amount due to or owed by a student prior to their becoming a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, shall be the sole responsibility of the student, and the MRF will not become involved in any way.

### **4. Rebates**

- 4.1 The MRF pays fees as set out in clause 3.1 above as invoiced to the Scholar by their institution. Where a Scholar receives a rebate, the MRF will not refund the Scholar the amount of the rebate.

### **5. Institutional transfers**

- 5.1 A Scholar may not change their institution of study from that indicated on their application form unless explicitly approved by the MRF.

### **6. Interaction with donors**

- 6.1 Some Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are underwritten by specific donors. Some donors wish to interact with Scholars and are invited to do so on the understanding that the Scholar may determine the level of interactions. Reasonable requests received in good time should be acceded to where possible, and should they be declined it is the responsibility of the Scholar to supply reasons on time. On taking up their Scholarships, Scholars will be informed of relevant details regarding their particular funder, if applicable.

**7. Failure to comply with degree requirements**

Should a Scholar fail to comply with the requirements for continued study in the course for which they are registered, financial support from the MRF will cease.

**8. Requirements to supply personal updates**

In accepting a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship, Scholars undertake to reply timeously and comprehensively each year, during their period in residence and thereafter, to a written request conveyed electronically to them by the MRF for an update of personal details. These details are required for the maintenance of an up-to-date database, and for use in the 'feedback and update' section of the MRF's Yearbook and website.

**9. Limitation of liability**

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation will not take responsibility for bodily injury, sickness, accident or death of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. It is up to Mandela Rhodes Scholars to provide for their own insurance needs.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understood the contents of this document and agree to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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# THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### INTRODUCTION

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is a unique partnership seeking to close a circle of history for the benefit of current and future generations of Africans. It brings together the 20<sup>th</sup> century legacy of Leadership and Reconciliation embodied by Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, and Cecil John Rhodes's 19<sup>th</sup> century legacy as it relates specifically to Education and Entrepreneurship.

The overarching mission of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa, by providing excellent educational and training opportunities to individual Africans with leadership potential; as well as by creating over time a network of well-rounded leaders of talent, effectiveness and integrity across African society.

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are intended as a vehicle for the sustainable and practical expression of the aim to provide exceptional educational opportunities, develop a network of leaders, and thereby help to build leadership capacity in Africa.

The Scholarships programme will seek candidates who identify with the values set out by Mr. Mandela and Mr. Rhodes; as well as demonstrating the characteristics set out separately in the document: The Characteristics Sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar.

What follows is an expansion, intended in the first instance to provide clarity for members of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships Selection Committees, on each of the four 'legacy categories' to which the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme is intended to give practical expression.

### 1. Leadership

By Leadership we mean the will and capacity to use one's own personality and abilities to guide, inspire, and develop fellow human beings to achieve excellence in any area of endeavour. This leadership should be principled, strategic, and effective; it should carry moral authority and be visionary in pursuit of the advancement of individual and social fulfillment, human rights, human dignity, the achievement of equality and other fundamental freedoms. Personal success by a Scholar which does not translate into wider benefits for society does not in itself meet the goal of the Scholarship programme. Leadership could include, but does not necessarily presuppose, a career in the public sector.

### 2. Reconciliation

By Reconciliation we mean an embracing of human diversity, and a belief in a world in which all individuals and cultures enjoy equal rights and respect. This commitment to human reconciliation means seeking to make a contribution to freedom, peace and prosperity for all human beings, never to the exclusion of any category of humanity. It implies a generosity of spirit, and a willingness to harness an imperfect past to help develop a more just world.

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### **3. Education**

By Education we mean the pursuit of a high minimum standard of scholastic attainment, certainly sufficient to meet the requirements of the course envisaged by the Scholar. In tandem with this we seek understanding that academic achievement on its own is not sufficient to justify selection – this is what is meant by a blend of character and intellect. Further, we seek a thoughtful understanding of how education writ large – not just the education of the individual Scholar – can be a tool for the advancement of human development.

### **4. Entrepreneurship**

By Entrepreneurship we mean a belief in the critical role played by individual human effort, hard work, innovation and creativity in leading to the betterment of society and Africa's place in the world. Scholars are required to exhibit vigour and integrity, and the energy to use their talents to the full, in pursuit of their own career and beyond its confines. Entrepreneurship in this conception could include, but does not necessarily presuppose, a career in the private sector.

**The Trustees of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation**  
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