

Villanova Administered Scholarships Preliminary Application

Marshall, US-Ireland Alliance and Rhodes Scholarships

These highly competitive awards fund the opportunity to pursue graduate studies at universities in Great Britain and Ireland as part of a cohort of emerging leaders. Prospective applicants must complete all steps of the following process by the stated deadlines to apply for institutional endorsement for these awards. A Villanova committee will review applications for endorsement and select applicants to put forward on behalf of the university.

- **March 1:** Preliminary Application for Institutional Endorsement opens.
- **By May 15:** Prospective applicants must meet with the CRF Director or Assistant Director for Fellowships for a discussion about their aspirations, target programs, and overall candidacy for these awards.
- **May 15:** Deadline for Preliminary Application for Institutional Endorsement. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants should submit one application, regardless of the number of awards for which they seek endorsement. Submitting an application does not guarantee endorsement.
- **Late May:** The Villanova committee will review Preliminary Applications and make decisions about each applicant's candidacy. Applicants will be notified if they have been accepted for institutional endorsement.
 - Individuals who accept institutional endorsement commit to an intensive preparation process, which includes attending writing workshops, regular meetings with CRF advisors, participating in mock interviews (as applicable), etc.
- **May 30:** For applicants invited to continue with the process, a strategy meeting and discussion about institutional choice is required. Most of the work (~90%) will be completed in June and July.
- **June 15:** Applicants submit a highly polished draft, as if they are submitting to the fellowship, to [CRF](#).
- **July 15:** Deadline for all Letters of Recommendation, CVs, and supporting materials.
- **August 15:** Final campus deadline.
- **September-October:** National deadlines.

Prospective applicants should email **this preliminary application, a resume and unofficial transcripts** (combined as a single PDF) to [CRF](#) by 11:59 p.m. EST on May 15. The file should be named in the following fashion: "Last, First Administered Awards Internal Application." **You need only submit one application at this stage.**

Name:

Email address:

College:

Year of Graduation: Major(s):

Minor(s): Concentration(s):

Local Address:

Home Address:

Primary Telephone Number:

Awards to which you intend to apply:

___ Rhodes Scholarship

___ Marshall Scholarship

___ US-Ireland Alliance Scholarship*

*As of the 2025 cycle, the US-Ireland Alliance Scholarship has not been running

At which institutions and for what courses of study would you use these scholarships?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What is your story? What is your vision? Be open. Be reflective. Make a statement. Find your individual voice and express it honestly. (~500 words)

Proposed Academic Program: (~500 words) Candidates should describe below their proposed academic plan for each award to which they intend to apply, giving reasons for their choice of

courses and preferred universities. Those intending to complete a research degree should give an outline proposal of the research they wish to undertake and with whom they would like to work. Candidates must also include a brief outline of why they have chosen their second-choice courses and institutions. Note: focus on one award to produce a full answer for this question. You are welcome to repeat this for each award, if you wish.

Post Scholarship Plan: (~250 words) Candidates should describe their immediate plans upon completion of their Rhodes, US-Ireland Alliance, or Marshall Scholarship and why undertaking a degree in the UK or Ireland would enhance these plans.

Leadership: (~250 words) Candidates should describe a situation in which they were working with a group of people and recognized and responded to a need for leadership. The example might emphasize some of the following characteristics: a) it delivered a real and concrete outcome, or evidence of demonstrable progress; b) it showed the candidate's strong conviction and determination; c) the solution was innovative. The objective is to help the committee understand the candidate's leadership conviction and drive, style, and potential rather than provide a list of achievements.

Ambassadorial Potential: (~250 words) Candidates should explain why they want to undertake studies in the UK or Ireland, and in what specific ways they think that they will benefit personally and professionally from the experience. Candidates should discuss how work in their field of study (including their own research) can enhance the USA-UK or USA-Ireland relationship. They should further explain what they might do to contribute to improved relations in this area now and following the scholarship.

Please list any other notable accomplishments, activities, or skills (can include high school- such as Gold Award or Eagle Scout, etc.). If you work or have other obligations, feel free to share here.

Please list between eight and ten people from whom you could seek letters of recommendation. In 1-2 sentences, state how you know them and why you think they would write you a strong recommendation. You do not need to request letters at this time.