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**MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS**

(Marshall Scholarship web site: <http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>)

We encourage all applicants to visit this website for more detailed information about the program

Application forms for the Marshall Scholarships must be submitted electronically through the above web site. If you wish to apply, you must first contact Kimberly Parent, Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School, in the Career Development Center to discuss your plans.

**TYPE:** Nomination by Mount Holyoke College required. Mount Holyoke may nominate an unlimited number of candidates for this award. Apply as Senior or Alum.

**PURPOSE:** The Marshall Scholarships were established in 1953 to honor U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall and to commemorate the humane ideals of the European Recovery Program (Marshall Plan). Marshall Scholars may study for a first or higher (i.e., undergraduate or graduate) degree in any discipline in any university in the United Kingdom for a period of at least two academic years. (Undergraduate work is more highly specialized in Britain than in the U.S., so pursuing a second bachelor's degree makes sense for some students, depending on their background.)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Basic eligibility requirements are:

- U.S. citizenship at the time of application
- Must have completed their first U.S. undergraduate degree after April 2006, regardless of your age
- Minimum grade point average of 3.7
- Take up their award within three years of graduating from Mount Holyoke College
- NOT have studied for, or hold a degree or degree-equivalent qualification from a British University

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** The selectors will look for distinction of intellect and character as evidenced both by scholastic performance and by other activities and achievements. Preference will be given to candidates who combine high academic ability with the capacity to play an active part in the life of the United Kingdom University they attend, and to those who display the potential to make a significant contribution to their own society. Selection committees will also look for strong motivation and seriousness of purpose, including the presentation of a specific and realistic academic program.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Applicants may apply in one region only; either in the region of their permanent residence or the region in which they are studying at the time of application (see [http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/rules\\_2009.pdf](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/rules_2009.pdf)). Selection committees particularly encourage applications for study at universities other than Oxford and Cambridge. Candidates are to indicate two preferred universities, although the Marshall Commission reserves the right to decide on final placement (see <http://marshallscholarship.org/applicationpartner.html>).

**AWARDS:** The average value of each award is approximately £23,000 per year (about \$45,585), covering tuition, a personal allowance, and round-trip airfare to Britain. At least 40 awards will be made this year. Awards are usually announced in November.

**PREVIOUS MARSHALL SCHOLARS:** Eight Mount Holyoke candidates have won Marshall Scholarships, including two students from the 1950s, former MHC President Elizabeth Kennan, in 1960, and several students since the 1980s. Two of the five students studied biology (one at Cambridge, one at Edinburgh) and one pursued a degree in modern Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford, one studied geology and another neuroscience at Cambridge. The most current winner, Rachel Brule, an international relations and African studies double major, won the award to pursue a Master of Science degree in forced migration at Oxford University's Refugee Study Center, and further studies at the London School of Economics.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Interested students should contact Kimberly Parent, Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School at the CDC before beginning the application process. Applicants must submit a preliminary application and participate in an interview with the Committee on Fellowships. (Because deadlines are very early and final applications require official transcripts, candidates should plan ahead, as they may need to produce these documents on short notice if their applications go forward.) The Marshall Scholarship requires excellence in a broad range of experience and personal qualities; many excellent students with strong academic records may not meet these requirements. Candidates are evaluated on

academic achievement, leadership potential, social commitment, and communication skills. We encourage you to assess your strengths and weaknesses against the criteria for the award before deciding to apply. Your academic advisor and other faculty who know you and your work well can help you determine whether you would be a strong candidate for this award.

**PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE, LAMINATE OR BIND ANY PART OF THE APPLICATION FORM OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AS THEY WILL BE COPIED FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE ON FELLOWSHIPS!**

### **NOMINATION PROCESS, DEADLINES AND ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS:**

**Friday, September 12, 2008**

There are three parts to the application process. The student completes and submits the on-line application, which is forwarded electronically to Kimberly Parent, Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School, who ensures that all letters of recommendation and supporting documents have been received. Subsequently, once the MHC Committee on Fellowships reviews your preliminary application and conducts your interview, a decision will be made for application endorsement. Endorsed applications will then be electronically released to the appropriate regional committee by Kimberly Parent, Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School. Applications will be processed through the Marshall Commission's secure website. The following documents must be submitted electronically, through the Marshall Scholarship website.

- A completed Marshall Scholarship **application form**
- A draft of a **personal statement** of not more than 1,000 words describing your academic and other interests and pursuits
- A draft of a separate **essay** (not more than 500 words) describing your reasons for wishing to undertake the course of study proposed and for preferring the British university named
- Four (4) **letters of recommendation**, at least two written by your academic instructors. **Note that these forms must be submitted by your recommenders electronically, by this deadline.**

The following should be submitted directly to Kimberly Parent, Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School, in the Career Development Center:

- **A sealed official transcript** from Mount Holyoke must be submitted with your preliminary application and for any other college-level work completed (including study abroad). (Should your application not be endorsed, they will be returned to you).

**Wednesday, September 17 – Friday, September 19, 2008**

The Committee on Fellowships interviews candidates. Students will be notified shortly after the interview whether their candidacy will be supported.

**Monday, September 22 – Friday 26, 2008**

Nominated candidates finalize their applications for electronic submission. Recommenders submit final versions of their letters on-line, if they wish to make changes. Kimberly Parent, Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School, submits institutional endorsements on-line. The Career Development Center marks your official transcripts with a designated ID code, and mails them directly to your district to reach the October 4<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Thursday, October 2, 2008**

The final electronic submission deadline for completed applications. **You are advised to submit your application before this date to avoid electronic systems overload and/or malfunction.**

*Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that each portion of the application, including letters of recommendation, is received by the appropriate deadline.* If you will be requesting transcripts from other institutions or letters of recommendation from outside the College (particularly outside the U.S.), please do so immediately, as these materials can take several weeks to reach us. If you anticipate a problem meeting a particular deadline or have any questions concerning your application, please contact Kimberly Parent, Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School, at (413) 538-2080.