

# Applying for UNC Endorsement

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

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Three separate forms must be submitted prior to the endorsement deadline in order to complete your application. These include:

1. ODS Registration Form
2. Application for UNC Endorsement Form
3. Recommender Name Submission Form

We have separated the forms so that you may complete the steps at different times. These forms cannot be saved and must be completed in one sitting.

### 1. ODS Registration Form

This form allows you to provide information about you, your education, and your future plans to ODS and the corresponding scholarship Selection Committee. You may complete this form prior to submitting your other application materials. This form only needs to be completed once per scholarship year, regardless of the number of scholarships you apply for.

[ODS REGISTRATION FORM](#)

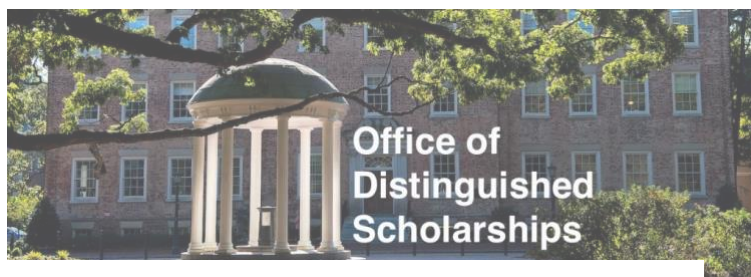
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### 2. Application for UNC Endorsement Form

Select scholarships have a separate application form that asks basic information, your graduate programs of interest, and the names of your three recommenders. Our Application for Endorsement Form allows us to be notified of your submission for UNC Endorsement.

This form will ask you to save the following as pdfs:

- a current cv (or resume)
- scholarship-specific materials
- your university transcript



## Current CV (or Resume)

Provide your list of collegiate awards and honors, extracurricular activities, community service, and employment experience. For this purpose, we prefer a comprehensive cv, rather than a resume. There is no length restriction on a cv. Email ODS if you would like to receive help in organizing your cv or in converting your resume into a cv. Samples are available to view in the ODS office. You will eventually need to abbreviate this list depending on the requirements of your individual scholarship, but we recommend *always using a cv* when you apply for endorsement, meet with ODS to brainstorm future opportunities, or provide your information to recommenders. If you do not yet have a cv, go ahead and upload your resume in this slot.

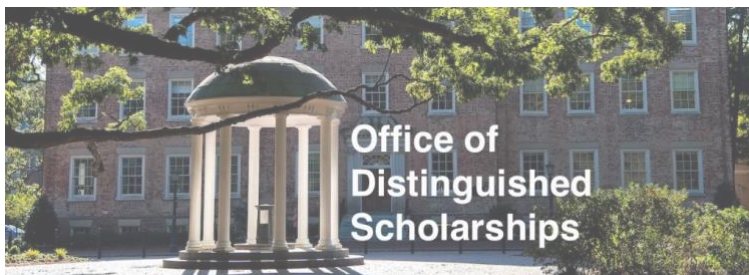
## Scholarship-Specific Materials

Most scholarships require at least one personal statement, but most require multiple essays. The personal statement is your opportunity to reflect on your life story and to connect the dots between things that you have done in the past, the projects you are working on now, and your goals for the future. The other essays are often more targeted in their prompts. With the exception of the Rhodes scholarship, ODS is able to assist you with brainstorming and editing these statements. Contact ODS to receive feedback, or to view sample personal statements in the ODS office. You will want to upload all the essays required in your final application here, as well as any CVs or lists of achievements. Please check the individual ODS timeline forms associated with each scholarship for the specific materials needed.

Certain scholarships are need based and may require you to [complete the financial aid sheet](#). Data can be found on your [Student Aid Report](#), the most current financial aid award notification from your institution, and in consultation with your financial aid office. The form can be typed or legibly handwritten.

## University Transcripts

Provide a copy of your current unofficial UNC transcript, including your latest semester's grades. [Click here for information on how to obtain your transcript online](#). (Instructions for accessing unofficial transcripts can be found halfway down the linked page.) If you have taken higher education courses that are not reflected on your transcript, provide those transcripts as well. If you are chosen for endorsement, you will be generally be required to submit official transcripts to the Scholarship Foundations.



[APPLICATION FOR UNC ENDORSEMENT FORM](#)

### 3. Submit Recommender Names Form

Request letters of recommendation directly from faculty using the form linked below. We encourage you contact your recommenders at least one month prior to the endorsement deadline and to share your personal statement, resume, and future goals with all recommenders.

When choosing recommenders, consider the following:

- Recommendations should be from faculty members that can assess your intellectual curiosity, character and potential. (It is preferable to choose a professor instead of a teaching assistant, but we can help you with work-arounds for that issue.)
- You may choose faculty members who have overseen your research, or other intellectual extensions beyond classes.
- Depending on the scholarship, there may be additional emphasis on people who have seen your leadership activities in extra-curricular settings.

In some cases, you will ultimately need more than three recommenders, but three are what we generally require for the endorsement stage.

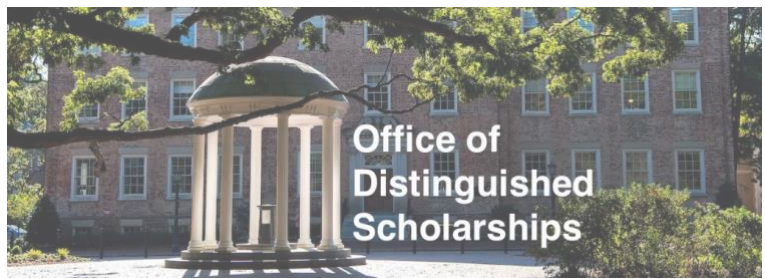
When you complete the following form, your recommenders will receive an email with instructions to upload their letters as PDFs. You should ask potential recommenders personally before completing this form.

Recommendations should be signed, on letterhead, and addressed to appropriate Scholarship Selection Committee. Please read the letter of guidance under our [Resources & Advice section](#) and share it with individuals you ask to write a letter of recommendation. Contact ODS if you need advice on choosing and contacting a recommender.

Recommenders who have questions should [contact ODS directly](#).

[RECOMMENDER NAME SUBMISSION FORM](#)

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at CHAPEL HILL



## AFTER YOU APPLY

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After reviewing the applications for endorsement, the UNC Scholarship Selection Committees will select one or more competitive applicants for endorsement. The number of endorsed applicants varies by scholarship.

The endorsed candidate(s) will be able to work with ODS to polish their applications prior to the scholarship deadline.

All application materials except the financial aid sheet (i.e. Beinecke Scholarship) must be submitted to ODS by the deadline so that we can formally submit your application. If required, applicants are responsible for emailing their financial aid sheets to the appropriate scholarship.