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Application for the CODA Scholarship at Rhodes College

For future leaders working with significant issues in the arts

Program Description

The Rhodes Vision aims “to graduate students with a life-long passion for learning, a compassion for others, and the ability to translate academic study and personal concern into effective leadership and action in their communities and world.” For CODA Fellows, this means enhancing leadership skills, developing cultural commitment, studying arts issues and developing a strong sense of self. Specifically, program participants learn about the arts in relation to the broader social networks in which they operate, and the tenets of professional practice characteristic of the cultural fields. They spend time in the study of leadership, understanding the efforts and challenges that other leaders in the arts have encountered. And they strive to connect their academic lives, personal viewpoints, knowledge of the arts, philosophies of leadership, and the cultural roles they will pursue beyond graduation in the broader world.

Candidate Characteristics

We look for individuals who embody the following characteristics:

Dedication

- You have demonstrated a dedication to arts practice or pursuing arts issues over an extended period of time through individual arts performance or leadership activities, cultural activism, and/or community arts participation.
- You have an arts issue or particular fine arts field about which you are passionate, and you either have worked or want to work in that discipline.
- You possess an active interest in arts developments happening throughout the world and you want to discuss them with others.

Innovation

- Your arts activities are motivated by a self-starter ethic.
- You are constantly pursuing a better way of doing things.
- You make an impact in your community through arts leadership and you mobilize others to work as part of a team.

Diverse Perspective

- You respect the perspectives of people from other cultural backgrounds.
- You are inquisitive about the arts of all origins and incarnations.
- You desire to be part of a culture of new ideas.

Creativity

- You are passionate about the role the arts play in producing a dynamic and sustainable society and wish to communicate this belief to others.
- You embrace an attitude of possibility, and adapt to change in a positive manner.
- Your imagination motivates you to produce original work.

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Name _____

Female ____ Male ____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

Name of Graduating High School _____

Please answer the following questions (limit responses to 300-500 words total for each):

1. Describe two activities in which you have participated over the past four years that demonstrate your dedication to pursuing arts issues over an extended period of time through individual arts performance or leadership activities, cultural activism, and/or community arts participation. Include the name of the organization or project, a description of your role(s), the effect it had on the community, and the impact it had on your life.
2. Described on the first part of this application are the characteristics we are looking for in candidates for this scholarship. Describe how you embody some or all of these characteristics.
3. Discuss one major arts issue facing our communities or world that you would like to help address while at Rhodes College. How can you and other college students work on this issue in constructive and creative ways?
4. REFERENCES: Submit the names and phone numbers of two adults who can comment on aspects of the activities described above.

Send your completed application and **curriculum vitae** to John Weeden, Assistant Director of the Center for Outreach in the Development of the Arts, by one of the following methods:

- o Email: weedenj@rhodes.edu.
- o Mail: Weeden/CODA, Rhodes College, 2000 North Parkway, Memphis, TN 38112.
- o Fax: (901) 843-3789.

Application deadline is Monday 21 January 2008. You must also submit a general application to Rhodes College Admissions at that time. Selected applicants will be invited to an interview on Rhodes College campus on Saturday 09 February 2008. PLEASE NOTE: this is a stand-alone award. For further details, please contact Rhodes College Admissions.