**SAMPLE RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

February 12th, 2019

Office of the American Secretary
The Rhodes Trust
8229 Boone Boulevard
Vienna, Virginia 22182

Dear Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee,

It is my pleasure and honor to recommend Thomas Schriever for the Rhodes Scholarship. I have known Thomas for 2 years and was delighted to serve as his professor in my history course on Taiwan Politics and Cross-Strait Relations as well as his graduation thesis adviser at the University of Minnesota. After reading through the criteria of the Rhode Scholarship, I strongly believe that you would struggle to find a student more deserving and more in need of it than Thomas.

The Rhodes Trust looks for students who possess exceptional scholastic abilities as well as the drive to use those abilities to their full potential. Since I have known him, Thomas has demonstrated his superior intellect and thirst to understand the culture and consciousness of his fellow man on multiple occasions. His graduation thesis—discussing the complexities of Taiwan’s history and how it has influenced the development of modern Taiwanese identity—was culturally sensitive and contained remarkable analysis that was eye-opening even for an experienced professor in the field such as myself.

On a personal level, Thomas is a young man of strong character who fully embodies all the traits you look for in potential candidates. Specifically, I was astounded by his kindness, selflessness, and devotion to helping the less fortunate in any way he can. Every summer vacation, instead of using his free time for himself, he travels to Indonesia to do volunteer work teaching English to children living in rural villages.

I have absolutely no reservations about recommending Thomas for the Rhodes Scholarship. I have no doubt he will uphold the standards of a Rhodes Scholar and become a shining member of your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding his character, past academic work, or any other qualifications related to the scholarship.

Sincerely,

Your Signature

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