



Alain Locke Studentship Notes for Referees

Thank you for taking the time to supply a reference for this year's Alain Locke Studentship competition at Hertford College. The studentship is intended as a supplementary award, made on the basis of exceptional academic merit, to Rhodes Scholars whose funding is at an end but who need additional time to complete their studies in Oxford. The studentship will be tenable for one year.

There is no set form of reference, but the committee would find it helpful if you could include a statement of the length of time that you have known the applicant and in what role. Competition for this award is intense and it is especially important that the committee can be assured that the successful applicant is outstanding in terms of their ability and achievements within the Oxford context. References are central in establishing this. If you are able to supply a semi-quantitative assessment of how the applicant compares with other graduate students (e.g. top 5%, 10% etc. of those supervised or in your department), this would be helpful, but we appreciate that this is often not possible. Any further information, such as the likely contribution that the candidate will make to college life, will also be most welcome.

Please send your reference, with the name of the candidate and 'Alain Locke Studentship Reference' in the title line to: academic.office@hertford.ox.ac.uk. We would be grateful to receive references by Wednesday 15 April 2026.

Once again, many thanks for your assistance with this important matter.

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