

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Major 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Major 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Major 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Harry S. Truman Scholarship

### Award Details:

#### *Emphasis:*

Academic

Research

Language

Experiential

International

#### *Brief Description:*

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation – the federal memorial to the thirty-third President of the United States – awards merit-based scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

Truman Scholars receive up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

Can The Award Be Deferred?                      Yes

Can The Award Be Renewed?                      No

### Scholarship Conditions:

*If you can put a check beside each of the following statements, you should be a strong candidate for a Truman Scholarship. If more than two do not apply, the Truman Scholarship is probably not right for you.*

#### Legal Requirements (must be met)

- At the time I apply, I will be a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree with junior-level academic standing; or, I have senior-level standing in my third year of college enrollment. Note: Students who are already attending graduate school are not eligible for the Truman Scholarship.
- I am a U.S. citizen (or a U.S. national) or I expect to receive my citizenship by the date the Scholarship will be awarded.

#### Career and Graduate Study Interests

- I hope to be a "change agent," in time, improving the ways that government agencies, nonprofit organizations, or educational institutions serve the public.
- There are conditions in our society or the environment which trouble me.
- I want to work in government, education, the nonprofit sector, or the public interest/advocacy sector to improve these conditions.
- I am comfortable committing to work in public service for three of the first seven years after I complete a Foundation-funded graduate degree.
- I would like to get a master's degree, a doctorate, or a professional degree such as a law degree or a Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Social Work, Master of Education, Master of Public Policy, or Master of International Affairs.

## Community Service and Academic Record

- I have participated extensively in two or more of the following sets of activities:
  - Student government and/or campus-based extracurricular activities;
  - Community service-related activities that were not organized by my school or by my fraternity/sorority;
  - Government internships, commissions or boards, advocacy or interest groups, nonpartisan political activities, or military/ROTC ;
  - Partisan political activities and campaigns.
- I have been involved with organizations or activities related to my career interests.
- I have demonstrated some of my leadership potential.
- I have sufficiently strong grades and coursework to gain admittance to a first-rate graduate institution.
- I read regularly a good national newspaper and a thoughtful periodical.
- I have had one or more courses relating to my career interests.

## General

- I would appreciate external affirmation of my values and goals.
- I would like to become associated with Truman Scholar "change agents."
- I am capable of analyzing a public issue in my intended career area and presenting my findings in a one-page memo to a government official who could take action.
- I am willing to prepare an outstanding application and policy proposal under the supervision of my Truman Faculty Representative.
- I believe I could hold my own in a challenging interview conducted by a panel of prominent public servants, educators, and former Truman Scholars.
- I could use \$30,000 to continue my education.

## Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Junior undergraduate, as defined by graduation date
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	No
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	No
Specified Majors:	None
Minimum GPA:	None

## Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

The ability to be a change agent as shown through a commitment to a career in public service, leadership ability, and the likelihood to succeed in graduate school.

## Selection:

Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year:	60
Interview:	In-Person (Travel Costs NOT Covered)
Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified:	April

Contact Information:

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Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates: No
Webinars for Advisors: No

Website:

Official Website: https://www.truman.gov/
Advice and Guidance: https://www.truman.gov/candidates/advice-guidance

Application:

Date Application is Available: August 1, 2017
Application Due Date: February 6, 2018
Application Must Be Submitted By: Advisor on candidate's behalf
Institutional Endorsement Required: Yes
Institutional Cover Letter Required: Yes

Application Process:

Table with 4 columns: Description, Deadline, Date Completed, and Name/Position/Date Notified. Rows include Nomination, Online Application Form, and Three Letters of Recommendation.

1. Different institutions have different guidelines for obtaining an institutional nomination. Some schools have a rigorous application process that can begin as early as the sophomore year. Other schools require early completion of the application or an interview. The Truman Foundation allows the institution to determine which practice works best for them. It is a good idea to check with your Faculty Representative early to find out about your institution's requirements.

2. Truman applicants are required to provide three letters of recommendation in addition to the Institutional Nomination letter. Each of the letters should address one of our selection criteria, but it is acceptable for a letter to discuss more than one criteria.

- Leadership Abilities and Potential: This letter should confirm the experience described in Question 7 (specific example of your leadership). The letter writer need not have witnessed the example first hand, but he or she should be able to discuss the example and how it fits within the context of the student's leadership.
- Commitment to a Career in Public Service: This letter should confirm the experience described in Question 8 (recent, satisfying public service activity). The letter writer need not have witnessed the activity first hand, but he or she should be able to discuss the example and how it fits within the context the student's commitment to a career in public service.
- Intellect and Prospects for Continuing Academic Success: This letter should discuss the student's overall academic background in context of the student's future plans for career and graduate school (Questions 11 to 13). It is recommended, though not required, that the writer have taught the student at some point.