Sample Truman Scholarship Application

You must submit your materials through the Foundation's on-line application system. Your Faculty Rep can provide you access to this system. This form is for reference only.

The Foundation's website [www.truman.gov] offers guidance in completing your materials, samples of exemplary responses, and other competition information. The application, policy proposal, and letter of recommendation forms are available both as templates and PDF files on the website.

I, _____ have read and understand the conditions of the Truman Scholarship as explained in the current ***Notes to Candidates for Scholarships*** and the current Bulletin of Information. I affirm that I plan to pursue a career in public service as defined in those documents. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration in the Truman Scholarship program. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties. I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf. If selected as a Truman Scholar, I agree to attend the Truman Scholar Leadership Week and Awards Ceremony, in Liberty and Independence, Missouri. I affirm that all of this application, including the policy proposal, is my own work or formally cited from other sources. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date _____ Signature _____

Legal name in full (Print/Type) _____
Last Name First Name M.I.

Permanent residence _____
Number, Street, and Apartment Number

_____
City State ZIP

Your address at school (if different) _____
Number, Street, and Apartment Number

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City (if studying abroad, add country) State ZIP

How is permanent residence established? (At least two must apply.)

- ☐ Home address for school registration
- ☐ Place of registration to vote
- ☐ Family's primary residence
- ☐ Other: _____

Home telephone ( ) _____

School telephone (if different) ( ) _____

E-mail address _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____
Month/Day/Year

(Check one) I am a ☐ U.S. citizen ☐ U.S. national ☐ Resident alien expecting citizenship by the date of award

Will you be studying in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, or India during the Spring semester? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes) Where? _____

Name of nominating institution _____

Current cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

Your undergraduate major(s) _____

Number of college credits earned to date _____ Total number of credits required for graduation _____

Expected date to receive baccalaureate degree _____ Degree you will receive _____

Graduate degree(s) sought _____ Concentration(s) _____

If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, list only those you consider most significant. Inserts, attachments, and additional pages will not be accepted.

Name _____

1. **List the secondary school from which you graduated, and all higher education institutions attended. Include summer, study-abroad, exchange programs and your nominating institution (up to six).**

School	Location	Dates Attended

2. **List college and high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.). List in descending order of significance. You will have space for eight college and four high school activities.**

College Activity	Dates	Offices

High School Activity	Dates	Offices

3. **List public service and community activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.). Do not repeat items listed previously. List in descending order of significance. You will have space to list six.**

Activity	Role	Dates	# of Weeks Active

Name _____

4. **List government activities (internships with government agencies, partisan political activities, ROTC/military, municipal boards and commissions). List student government under Item 2.**

Activity	Role	Dates	# of Weeks Active

5. **List part-time and full-time jobs and nongovernment internships since high school graduation.**

Type of Work	Employer	Dates	Average # of Hours/Week

6. **List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions you have received. List in descending order of significance.**

7. **Describe one specific example of your leadership. (The writer of your letter of recommendation re: Leadership Abilities and Potential must confirm this experience.)** Limit 2000 characters including spaces.

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8. Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity (do not repeat experience described in 7). **Limit 1700 characters including spaces**

9. Describe the problem or needs of society you want to address when you enter public service. (If possible, use statistical data to define the magnitude of the problem.) **Limit 1500 characters including spaces**

10. What are the three most significant courses you have taken in preparation for your career? Briefly explain why these courses were most significant.

11. If selected as a Truman Scholar, would you apply for the Washington Summer Institute? If yes, where would you like to work and what issues would you like to address? If no, what are your plans for the summer after you graduate?

Name _____

12. Describe the graduate education program you intend to pursue if you receive a Truman Scholarship.
Limit 2000 characters including spaces

13. What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have upon completing your graduate studies? Limit 900 characters including spaces

14. What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have five to seven years later? Limit 900 characters including spaces

15. What additional personal information do you wish to share with the Truman Scholarship Foundation? Limit 2000 characters including spaces