Truman Scholarship

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Website: Truman Scholarship

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Internal Deadline: November 15 annually

Internal Application Instructions:

Students interested in applying for the Truman Scholarship must be nominated by the university. Applications cannot be completed without the support of the university’s nominating official (Barbara Gorka). To access the application, students must meet with Barbara Gorka prior to November 15th. In order to apply for nomination, students must complete the online application form and submit their draft (using the submit button in the application) by November 15th. Students must also email a signed copy of the form below (or submit in hard copy) and have three letters of recommendation emailed to Barbara Gorka at barbara.gorka@temple.edu. One letter must come from an individual who can comment on the student’s leadership, one from a recommender who can comment on the student’s service, and one from a faculty member who can comment on the applicant’s academic strengths.

Award Description:

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation 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.

The Foundation provides:

- Up to $30,000 toward a public service-related graduate degree. The Foundation has supported Truman Scholars in many fields of study, from agriculture, biology, engineering, technology, medicine, and environmental management, to fields such as economics, education, government, history, international relations, law, political science, public administration, nonprofit management, public health, and public policy.
- Truman Scholars Leadership Week.
- Summer Institute. Immediately after college graduation, Scholars have the opportunity to participate in an eight-week Summer Institute in Washington, DC.
- Truman-Albright and Other Fellows Program. After Summer Institute, Scholars may elect to stay in Washington, DC, for a full year in the Truman-Albright Fellows Program.

Each nominee for the Truman Scholarship must be: a full-time junior-level student; nominated by the Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative at his or her institution; in the upper quarter of his or her class; and a United States citizen or a United States national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Resident aliens (green card holders) are not eligible.

A good candidate for the Truman Scholarship meets the above eligibility requirements and also: has an extensive record of public and community service; has outstanding leadership potential and communication skills; and is committed to a career in government or elsewhere in public service, as defined by the Foundation.
Truman Scholarship Application for Nomination

PART I: Personal Information

Date: _____________    Name: _____________________________________    TU ID: __________________________

Date of graduation: ____________________    Cell #: ____________________

Citizenship (please circle):       American citizen       Permanent resident       Visa holder

Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Major(s) and Minor(s): ___________________________________________________________________    Current GPA: _________

PART II: Recommenders

Three letters of recommendation are required to apply for nomination. Please list their names, department/office, and email address here. Writers MUST provide letters of support to Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) as email attachments or in hard copy to Suite 201 Tuttleman Learning Center by November 15. Each of the letters should address one of our selection criteria, but it is acceptable for a letter to discuss more than one criteria. (1) Leadership Abilities and Potential: This letter should confirm the experience described in Question 7 of the online application (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. (2) 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. (3) 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.

1) ____________________________________________________________

2) ____________________________________________________________

3) ____________________________________________________________

PART III: Additional Transcripts

If you attended a postsecondary institution prior to Temple, please provide a photocopied or unofficial transcript. Temple University transcripts are not required at this time.

PART IV: Waiver

I, _____________________________, do hereby consent to the following initialed items in pursuit of the _____________________________ (Scholarship/Award Name).

_________ (Required) As required under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I hereby grant permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic progress and standing, including my grade point average (GPA), individual course grades, individual assignment grades, and/or other similar academic information and information submitted as part of the application for this award, to members of the internal nominating committee, which will consist of employees of Temple University.

_________ (Required) I grant permission to officials of my institution to contact recommenders listed in this application to solicit feedback on my academic progress and standing.
(Required) I grant permission to the Associate Dean of Students at Temple University to release information to the
nominating committee from official records pertaining to academic honesty and conduct offense violations, and to provide
contextual information as to the severity of these offenses. This information may be given in either verbal or written form.

(Required) I grant permission to the nominating committee to review publicly available on-line information and images
pertaining to my person as part of the selection process.

(Required) I certify that all of the information I include in my application for this award, including listings of activities and
awards, research undertaken or planned, and personal statements or other essays, is my own work and is accurate and honest to
the best of my knowledge.

(Required) I waive any right I may have to view faculty and institutional letters of recommendation that are written for
the purpose of this award competition. While copies of these letters may be provided to me by the authors, I understand that this is
done as a courtesy by the author and does not affect this waiver. I understand that if I do not waive my right to view letters, my
recommenders will be notified and may choose to withdraw their letters.

I grant permission for Temple University to use my public biographical information to publicize my nomination and/or
receipt of this scholarship or fellowship.

I consent to have copies of my scholarship essays retained indefinitely and anonymously by Fellowships Advising at
Temple University and understand that they may be made available to future applicants as an example for them to review as they
prepare their own applications.

______________________________  ______________________________
Signature                                      Date