The goal of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation is to find and recognize college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service; and to provide them with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service.

The Truman Foundation defines public service as future employment in: government at any level, uniformed services, public-interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, public and private schools, and public service-oriented nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment.

Applying for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship at the University of Iowa

Thank you for your interest in applying for campus nomination to the Truman Scholarship at the University of Iowa. Establishing an early connection to the scholar development resources, workshop opportunities and tailored fellowship advising we are able to offer prospective applicants serves everyone involved in this challenging, but extraordinarily rewarding process.

We look forward to your questions and to your applications. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact our Director of Scholar Development, Kelly Thornburg as soon as they are aware of their interest in this and any other fellowship opportunity at 335-1874 or at kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation works in partnership with its established academic partners and only accepts applications submitted through the nominating official. Complete campus applications will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Fellowships Committee (UCF) each fall. All campus applicants will be notified of their status in the competition by November. The UCF may nominate up to four campus applicants to the national competition each application cycle.

Steps for Prospective Campus Applicants

- Review the UI Opportunity Profile here
- Download the UI Application for Campus Nomination Form here
- Get familiar with our UI Undergraduate Fellowships Deadline Schedule here
- Spend some time reading through the 2014-15 Bulletin of Information and "How to become a Truman Scholar"

An eligible applicant must be:

- A full-time junior-level student,
- in the upper quarter of your class,
- a U.S. citizenship or permanent residence,
- have an extensive record of public and community service,
- have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills,
- nominated by the UIHP Office of Scholarships and Fellowships to represent the University of Iowa within this national competition
Important Dates

- October 27, 2014  |  Truman Scholarship Campus Nomination Deadline
- November 10 – 12, 2014  |  Truman Scholarship Campus Nomination Interviews
- February 3, 2015  |  Official Truman Scholarship Deadline
- February/March 2015  |  Truman Scholarship Finalist Practice Interviews

Application Components

- A complete nominee application – Page 1 of the Truman Application,
- Full (and fully proofread) responses to Items 1 through 15,
- A Policy Proposal,
- A current UI Transcript – Please request a copy to be shared with the Director of Scholar Development through UI Campus Mail at 431 BHC.
- Additional academic transcripts representing any graded course NOT represented on your transcript. Students should request their official transcripts within a week of being notified of their selection as a UI nominee.
- Three recommendations – The Foundation requests the inclusion of a letter covering each of the following topics:
  - Leadership Abilities and Potential – Corresponds to Question 7 in the application
  - Commitment to a Career in Public Service
  - Intellect and Prospects for Continuing Academic Success

Useful Resources for Recommenders

- Writing for Truman Scholarship Applicants – Guidance on content for recommenders
- Official Recommendation Cover Letter Templates
- How to format national fellowship recommendations - A sample letter

Contact at the University of Iowa

Kelly Thornburg, Director of Scholar Development
- Schedule a Scholar Development Conference at 319.335.1874
- Request materials or presentations at kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu

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