UI Campus Nomination Application Form | Truman Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in applying for campus nomination to the Truman Scholarship competition at the University of Iowa. We look forward to your questions and to your applications. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Kelly Thornburg, Director of Scholar Development 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.

2016-2017 Competition | Important Dates

November 7, 2016 | UI Campus Deadline to Apply for Institutional Endorsement

To Be Determined | UI Campus Nomination Interviews

Friday, February 3, 2017 | Official Application Deadline for Institutional Nominees

Each CAMPUS APPLICATION submitted to the UI Undergraduate Fellowships Committee must include the following:

☐ A complete nominee application – Page 1 of the Truman Application,

☐ Full DRAFT (and fully proofread) responses to Items 1 through 15,

☐ A DRAFT Policy Proposal,

☐ Any additional academic transcripts representing any graded course NOT represented on your transcript. Students should request any official non-UI transcripts within a week of being notified of their selection as a UI nominee.

☐ Two of three recommendations – The Foundation requests the inclusion of a DRAFT letter covering each of the following topics:

- Leadership Abilities and Potential – MUST correspond to Question 7 in the application
- Commitment to a Career in Public Service
- Intellect and Prospects for Continuing Academic Success

To submit your campus application package to our Director of Scholar Development and the Undergraduate Fellowships Committee for consideration, please share an electronic copy of each of the components listed above with us by emailing all documents EXCEPT letters of recommendation to kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu in a SINGLE message titled “Last Name, First Name – 2016-17 Truman Scholarship Campus Application”.

Your referees should share their confidential letters of recommendation with the UFC electronically by the UI Campus Application Deadline by emailing signed copies to kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu.

If campus applicants or referees are not able to meet the established deadline, they should contact the Director of Scholar Development directly.
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)

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. Please include a brief description of each item.

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.

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

5. List part-time and full-time jobs and non-governmental internships since high school graduation.

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

Application Essays

7. Describe one specific example of your leadership. Please note: The writer of your Leadership Recommendation letter must also be able to offer perspective on the experience you explore in this essay.

8. Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity.

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.)

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?

12. Describe the graduate education program you intend to pursue if you receive a Truman Scholarship.

13. What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have upon completing your graduate studies?

14. What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have five to seven years later?

15. What additional personal information do you wish to share with the Truman Scholarship Foundation?

16. Policy Proposal: The proposal must be related to the problems you identified in Item 9. Do not exceed 500 words.

To:
Office Held:
Issue:
Problem Statement:
Proposed Solution:
Major Obstacles/Implementation Challenges:
References, Footnotes and Exhibit