

# 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 for 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)

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Permanent residence

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Your address at school

(if different)

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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 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?

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
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- 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
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High School Activity	Dates	Offices
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- 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
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

# of Weeks Active

Activity	Role	Dates	# of Weeks Active
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**5. List part-time and full-time jobs and nongovernment internships since high school graduation.**

Average # of Hours/Week

Type of Work	Employer	Dates	Average # of Hours/Week
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**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.)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity (do not repeat experience described in 7). (The writer of your letter of recommendation re: Public Service must confirm this experience.)**

**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?**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**POLICY PROPOSAL** The proposal must relate to the problem [s] you identified in Item 9.  
Do not exceed 500 words.

To:

Office Held:

Issue:

**Problem Statement**

**Proposed Solution**

**Major Obstacles/Implementation Challenges**

Signature:

Date:

**Name**  
**References, Footnotes and Exhibits**



## *Letter of Recommendation*

Re: Leadership Potential and Abilities

**Name of Nominee:**

Truman Scholars are selected primarily on the basis of leadership potential, commitment to a career in public service, high academic achievement, and prospects for continuing academic success.

**Please confirm and elaborate on the leadership example the candidate described in Item 7 on the Application.** Please address the candidate's personal characteristics (confidence, persuasiveness, diligence, conviction, vitality, poise, and so forth) which you feel contribute to the candidate's leadership abilities.

Your Name

Telephone

Title

Address

How long have you known the nominee?

In what capacity?

*Your recommendation may be typed on the back of this form or on a separate sheet and attached to this form.*

*Please sign and return the completed form directly to the Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative. Your evaluation will become part of the nominee's confidential file, for use only by the Truman Scholarship Selection Committee. It will not be released to the nominee.*

**Deliver or mail this letter to be received at the address below no later than**

Faculty Representative's Name:

Institution:

Address

City, State ZIP





## *Letter of Recommendation*

Re: Commitment to a Career in Public Service

**Name of Nominee:**

Truman Scholars are selected primarily on the basis of leadership potential, commitment to a career in public service, high academic achievement, and prospects for continuing academic success.

**Please discuss the candidate's suitability with particular emphasis on *commitment to a career in public service*.** Describe a significant contribution made by the candidate through one or more public service, community or government-related activities. Please address the candidate's values, interests, goals, and/or ambitions which represent commitment to a career in government or elsewhere in the public service.

Your Name

Telephone

Title

Address

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In what capacity?

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## *Letter of Recommendation*

Re: Intellect and Prospects for Continuing Academic Success

**Name of Nominee:**

Truman Scholars are selected primarily on the basis of leadership potential, commitment to a career in public service, high academic achievement, and prospects for continuing academic success.

**Please discuss the candidate's suitability with particular emphasis on *academic scholarship, intellectual capabilities, and prospects for success in graduate school.*** Discuss the candidate's intelligence, academic performance, analytical abilities, and other characteristics which you think contribute to success in graduate school.

Your Name

Telephone

Title

Address

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