

# Harry S. Truman Scholarship

*Institutionally Nominated*

## **Scholarship Description**

This is the official federal memorial to President Truman. The Truman Foundation supports graduate study for students committing themselves to careers in public service. An award of \$30,000 is tenable for graduate or professional school.

Priority is given to graduate degrees in public administration, public policy analysis, public health, international relations, government, economics, social services delivery, education and human resource development and conservation and environmental protection and JD degrees. There are 60-65 awards presented annually. Duration depends upon program of study, but typically spans two or three years. Winners may defer attending graduate school for up to four years following receipt of a Truman Scholarship.

All Candidates should be aware that the Truman Scholarship has a service requirement. Scholars are required to work in public service for three of the seven years following completion of a Foundation funded graduate degree program as a condition of receiving Truman funds.

## **Eligibility**

Students must be: U.S. citizen or U.S. national and seek a career in public service. Upper quarter of class. Applicants should express an interest in the Truman by the time they are sophomores. Nominees apply nationally as juniors. A **STRONG record of public service and leadership** must be demonstrated. Government internships and activism are valued. Strong academic record required.

**Campus Deadline**      November 1 of student's junior year. UNL can nominate 4 candidates.

**Deadline**                Early February

## **Application**

- Application form with short essays and a policy proposal (500 words)
- Transcripts
- Three letters of reference with specific instructions
- Campus endorsement

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Note: Students should make an appointment to speak with Dr. Damuth about the scholarship during spring or summer.