

## The Harry S. Truman Scholarship

**Purpose:** The Truman Scholarship Foundation is dedicated to recognizing college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the non-profit or advocacy sectors, education or other public service organizations. The Foundation will provide scholarship recipients with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service.

**Award:** Provides up to \$30,000 in funding to students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. The Truman Foundation will also provide assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and professional development. Scholars are invited to participate in the Truman Scholar Leadership Week, The Summer Institute, The Truman Fellows Program, and the Public Service Law Conference.

**Eligibility:**

- Student must be college juniors at the time of selection.
- Students selected 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. Graduates who do not meet this service requirement, or who fail to provide timely proof to the Truman Foundation of such employment, will be required to repay funds received along with interest. The Foundation will have an appeals process for special circumstances.

**Deadlines:**

- The USI Campus deadline for consideration is Wednesday, December 3, 2008 in order to meet the foundation deadline of February 3, 2009. Finalists will be announced February 17, 2009 via the Truman website.
- Finalists must complete the Finalist Confirmation Form located on the Truman website.
- Regional Review Panels will meet from March 2 – March 20, 2009 in various locations around the country.
- 2009 Scholars will be announced March 26, 2009 via the Truman website.

**Application:** Applicants must be nominated by USI. Students wishing to apply for USI's nomination, must prepare a personal statement and policy proposal. Application forms are available from Dr. Posler.

Once nominated, applicants must submit the full packet to the Truman website online. The application is available on the Truman website and nominees will receive the username and password required from the faculty representative.

The application requires the candidate to focus extensively on their goals and develop a strategy for the graduate study. Sample applications are also available for download.

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