

## Downloads: “Truman Scholarship”

**Purpose of the Award:** The Truman Scholarship Foundation awards 75 - 80 Truman Scholarships annually to junior-level students at four-year colleges and universities who have a demonstrated record of public and community service, intentions of pursuing careers in government or elsewhere in public service, and strong communication skills and leadership potential. Students from a variety of academic backgrounds have become Truman Scholars, so applicants from varied fields of study are welcome to apply.

**Nature of the Award:** The Truman Scholarship is a merit-based, \$26,000 award intended to support graduate studies. Juniors who receive the Truman Scholarship may use as much as \$2,000 of the award to support study during the final undergraduate year.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Full-time, junior-level students at four-year institutions who intend to receive a baccalaureate degree by August of the following academic year are eligible to apply. Students in the third year of collegiate study who intend to graduate during the current academic year are also eligible to apply. In addition, students must be committed to a career in public service, in the upper quarter of their class, and U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Selection Criteria:** Truman selection is based on four criteria: extent and quality of community service; leadership experience; writing skills and analytical ability; and suitability of proposed study for a career in public service.

**Application Procedures:** All Truman applicants are required to secure the endorsement of their respective universities. Truman applicants from the University of Arizona must meet both the UA deadline and the Truman deadline (see important dates). UA applicants must submit a completed Truman application, a policy proposal, a current official college transcript and transcripts for all institutions previously attended, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Karna Walter, the Truman Faculty Representative at the University of Arizona. Students who are nominated have over a month to strengthen their applications before the Faculty Representative must submit them to the Truman Foundation.

**Nomination and Selection Procedures:** The UA may nominate as many as four students for Truman Scholarships. If more than four UA students apply, a selection process determines which four students will be nominated. A committee appointed by the Truman Foundation considers all nominees and selects 200 Finalists to be interviewed for Truman Scholarships. 75 - 80 of these Finalists become Truman Scholars.

### **Important Dates:**

- December 14: Truman application materials are due to Dr. Karna Walter
- February 2: nomination materials due to Truman Foundation

**Contact Information:** Potential applicants should consult [www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov) to obtain specific details related to the Truman Scholarship. UA students considering applying for the Truman should contact Dr. Karna Walter, Assistant Director of International Studies and Scholarships, at 621-6546 or [karna@u.arizona.edu](mailto:karna@u.arizona.edu). Dr. Walter is available to discuss application procedures and proposal ideas.