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2016 Harry S. Truman Scholarships
Instructions for University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Applicants
Campus Application Deadline: November 9, 2015

Currently enrolled juniors who have public service and leadership experience, strong academic records, and intend to pursue a public service career are invited to apply for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. Detailed information about the scholarship may be obtained at the Truman Foundation’s website, www.truman.gov.

Truman candidates must be nominated by their undergraduate institution, so your first step is to submit a preliminary application for the campus nomination process. A committee of U of M faculty will review the applications, conduct interviews, and select up to four nominees. To be considered for nomination, your application materials must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015. You may send them as email attachments to natschol@umn.edu, or submit hard copies to Timothy Jones, University Honors Program, Suite 390, Northrop, 84 Church St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

The Truman Scholarship has an online application, but it will not be used at this stage. For the campus nomination process, use the sample application forms available on the Truman Foundation’s website as fillable MS-Word documents. (Go to the “Candidates” section of the Truman website, select “2016 Competition,” then select “Sample Application Forms.”) Your application must include the following materials. If you are submitting hard copy, use plain white paper and use a paper clip rather than staples. No handwritten materials will be accepted.

- Application, on the multi-page sample form (not including Policy Proposal)
- One-paragraph summary of the topic you will write about for your Policy Proposal if you are nominated, on a separate sheet. Include the name and title of the public official you will address.
- Transcripts from all institutions at which you have earned college credit. Unofficial transcripts or photocopies are acceptable at this stage.

Your preliminary application must also include three letters of recommendation:

- A letter from a faculty member (must be a professor) addressing your “Intellect and Prospects”
- A letter addressing your “Leadership Potential and Abilities”
- A letter addressing your “Commitment to a Career in Public Service”

Give each recommender the appropriate sample Letter of Recommendation form, and ask your recommenders to send their recommendations to Timothy Jones at natschol@umn.edu or to the address above so they are received by November 9. There is space at the bottom of the Letter of Recommendation forms for you to add this information.

The Campus Truman Committee will conduct interviews and designate nominees by the end of fall semester. All applicants will be informed of their status after that time. Nominees will be given access to the online Truman application and will be expected to write the full Policy Proposal by early January. The Committee may suggest revisions to the application and Policy Proposal before the final materials are submitted to the Truman Foundation in February 2016. If you have questions about the application process, contact Timothy Jones at the address above or by email at natschol@umn.edu.