The Truman Scholarship provides up to $30,000 in funding to students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. The Foundation defines "public service" as employment in government at any level, uniformed services, public interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, public and private schools, and public-service oriented nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy or disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment.

Students must be college juniors at the time of selection. The Foundation also provides assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and professional development. Scholars are invited to participate in a number of programs: Truman Scholar Leadership Week, The Summer Institute, The Truman Fellows Program, and the Public Service Law Conference.

The Truman is a very competitive national scholarship. Each year, the Foundation reviews over 600 applications for our 60 to 65 Scholarships awarded annually.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (must be met)

At the time I apply, I will be a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree with junior-level academic standing.

I am a U.S. citizen (or a U.S. national from a Pacific Island) or I expect to receive my citizenship by the date the Scholarship will be awarded.

CAREER AND GRADUATE STUDY INTERESTS

I hope to be a "change agent," in time, improving the ways that government agencies, nonprofit organizations, or educational institutions serve the public.

There are conditions in our society or the environment which trouble me.

I want to work in government, education, the nonprofit sector, or the public interest/advocacy sector to improve these conditions.

I am comfortable committing to work in public service for three of the first seven years after I complete a Foundation-funded graduate degree.

I would like to get a master's degree, a doctorate, or a professional degree such as a law degree or a Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Social Work, Master of Education, Master of Public Policy, or Master of International Affairs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACADEMIC RECORD

I have participated extensively in two or more of the following sets of activities:
Student government and/or campus-based extracurricular activities

Community service-related activities that were not organized by my school or by my fraternity/sorority

Government internships, commissions or boards, advocacy or interest groups, nonpartisan political activities, or military/ROTC

Partisan political activities and campaigns

I have been involved with organizations or activities related to my career interests.

I have demonstrated some of my leadership potential.

I have high grades and a sufficiently strong curriculum to gain admittance to a first-rate graduate institution.

I read regularly a good national newspaper and a thoughtful periodical.

I have had one or more courses relating to my career interests.

GENERAL

I would appreciate external affirmation of my values and goals.

I would like to become associated with Truman Scholar "change agents."

I am capable of analyzing a public issue in my intended career area and presenting my findings in a one-page memo to a government official who could take action.

I am willing to prepare an outstanding application and policy proposal under the supervision of my Truman Faculty Representative.

I believe I could hold my own in a challenging interview conducted by a panel of prominent public servants, educators, and former Truman Scholars.

I could use $30,000 to continue my education.

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE AT www.truman.gov FOR MORE INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVE READ THE GUIDELINES CAREFULLY, AND FEEL YOU QUALIFY AND ARE COMPETITIVE, PLEASE CONTACT BRYAN-PAUL FROST, MO 230, 482-5692, bfrost@louisiana.edu. DR. FROST IS THE TRUMAN FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE AND HE MUST NOMINATE YOU FOR THE AWARD IN ORDER FOR YOU TO APPLY.