

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

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must submit the completed nomination packet to the Foundation as provided in §1801.16. The Foundation does not accept nominations packets directly from students.

§ 1801.16 Closing date for receipt of nominations.

The Foundation announces in its Bulletin of Information and in the FEDERAL REGISTER and posts on its website (<http://www.truman.gov>) the date and address at which the Foundation must receive nominations. Nominations not received by this date at the address specified will not be considered.

§ 1801.17 Contents of application.

(a) The Foundation provides a form that must be used as the application.

(b) Each application must include the following:

(1) A certification of nomination and eligibility signed by the Faculty Representative;

(2) A completed Truman Scholarship Application signed by the nominee;

(3) A policy proposal written by the nominee;

(4) A current official college transcript; and

(5) A letter of nomination from the Faculty Representative and three letters of recommendation.

§ 1801.18 Limitations on nominations.

A candidate nominated by an institution and not selected as a Truman Scholar may not be renominated the following year.

Subpart C—The Competition

§ 1801.20 Selection of Finalists.

The Foundation selects Finalists from the students who are nominated.

§ 1801.21 Evaluation criteria.

(a) The Foundation appoints a committee to select finalists from the students nominated on the basis of the following criteria:

(1) Extent and quality of community service and government involvement;

(2) Leadership record;

(3) Academic performance and writing and analytical skills; and

(4) Suitability of the nominee's proposed program of study and its appro-

priateness for a leadership career in public service.

(b) The Foundation selects Finalists solely on the basis of the information required under § 1801.17.

§ 1801.22 Interview of Finalists with panel.

The Foundation invites each Finalist to an interview with a regional review panel. Panels evaluate Truman Finalists primarily on:

(a) Leadership potential and communication skills;

(b) Likelihood of "making a difference" in public service; and

(c) Intellectual strength, analytical abilities, and prospects of performing well in graduate school.

§ 1801.23 Recommendation by panel.

(a) Each Panel is asked to recommend to the Board of Trustees the name of one candidate from each state in the region to be appointed as a Truman Scholar. The Foundation may authorize each regional review panel to recommend additional Scholars from the States in its region.

(b) A panel's recommendations are based on the material required under § 1801.17 and, as determined in the interview, the panel's assessment of each Finalist in terms of criteria presented in § 1801.22.

(c) In the event that a regional review panel determines that none of the Finalists from a state meets all the requirements expected of a Truman Scholar, it does not provide a recommendation. The Foundation will carry over the Scholarship for that state making two Scholarships available the following year.

§ 1801.24 Selection of Truman Scholars by the Foundation.

The Foundation names Truman Scholars after receiving recommendations from the regional review panels.

Subpart D—Graduate Study

§ 1801.30 Continuation into graduate study.

(a) Only Scholars who satisfactorily complete their undergraduate education and who comply with § 1801.31

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shall be eligible for continued Foundation support for an approved program of graduate study.

(b) The Foundation does not conduct a competition for graduate scholarships and does not add new Truman Scholars at the graduate level.

§ 1801.31 Approval of graduate programs by the Foundation.

(a) By December 1, Scholars desiring Foundation support for graduate study the following academic year must submit a proposed program of graduate study to the Foundation for approval. The graduate program proposed for approval may differ from that proposed by the Scholar when nominated for a Truman Scholarship. Factors to be used by the Foundation in considering approval include being consistent with:

(1) Field of study initially proposed in the Scholar's Application;

(2) Graduate school programs given priority in the current Bulletin of Information;

(3) Undergraduate educational program and work experience of the Scholar; and

(4) Preparation specifically for a career in public service.

(b) Foundation approval in writing of the Scholar's proposal is required before financial support is granted for graduate work.

(c) Scholars must include in their submission to the Foundation a statement of interest in a career in public service that specifies in detail how their graduate program and their overall educational and work experience plans will realistically prepare them for their chosen career goal in government or elsewhere in public service.

(d) After completing his or her undergraduate studies, a Scholar each year may request in writing a deferral of support for graduate studies. Deferrals must be requested no later than June 15 for the succeeding academic year. Scholars failing to request a year's deferral and to receive written approval from the Foundation may lose one year of funding support for each year for which they fail to request and receive deferrals. Total deferrals may not exceed four years unless an extension is granted in writing by the Foundation.

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§ 1801.32 Eligible institutions and degree programs.

(a) Truman Scholars at the graduate level may use Foundation support to study at any accredited college or university in the United States or abroad that offers graduate study appropriate and relevant to their public service career goals.

(b) They may enroll in any relevant graduate program for a career in public service.

(c) Foundation support for graduate study is restricted to three years of full-time study.

Subpart E—Payments to Finalists and Scholars

§ 1801.40 Travel expenses of finalists.

The Foundation will provide partial funding for intercity round-trip transportation from the finalist's nominating institution to the interview site. The Foundation does not reimburse finalists for lodging, meals, local transportation, or other expenses. The Foundation announces the terms and conditions of support on its website (<http://www.truman.gov>) and in the Bulletin of Information.

§ 1801.41 Scholarship stipends.

The Scholarship stipend may be used only for eligible expenses in the following categories: tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Payments from the Foundation may be received to supplement, but not to duplicate, benefits received by the Scholar from the educational institution or from other foundations or organizations. The designated benefits received from all sources combined may not exceed the costs of tuition, fees, books, and room and board as determined by the Foundation. The Foundation's Bulletin of Information, current at the time of the Scholar's selection, contains additional information about the terms and conditions of scholarship support.

§ 1801.42 Definition of "fee".

As used in this part, *fee* means a typical and usual non-refundable charge