

2016 TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

OSU INFORMATION & APPLICATION

OSU Deadline: October 30, 2015

(National deadline – February 2, 2016)

This year the OSU Truman Scholarship Committee will again select up to *four* junior* students to compete for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, which has a value of up to \$30,000. This prestigious scholarship was created by Congress for **those who intend to pursue careers in public service**, defined by the Truman Scholarship Foundation 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 non-profit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy or disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment.

Award

Up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional school

Eligibility

- *Junior standing (one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning Fall 2016)
- 3.50 minimum cumulative GPA
- United States citizen or U. S. national
- Record of public and community service

To Apply

Submit the information requested on the back of this page by **October 30, 2015**.

The OSU committee will interview several of the most promising candidates in November following a preliminary screening of applications.

See website for more information: <http://www.truman.gov>

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- 1) Personal details: Name, address, phone, email, legal state of residence, expected graduation date and undergraduate degree;
- 2) Attach a resume (no more than two pages) in which you give information on your educational background, honors, awards, activities, jobs, etc. Please make separate divisions for high school and college;
- 3) Describe in one paragraph a specific example of your leadership abilities;
- 4) Describe in one paragraph your most satisfying public service activity (different from #3);
- 5) What are the three most satisfying or helpful courses you have taken in preparation for your career? Explain briefly, using one or two sentences for each course.
- 6) Describe the graduate education program you intend to pursue if you should receive a Truman Scholarship;
- 7) What do you hope to do, and what position do you hope to have, immediately upon completing your graduate studies? Five to seven years later?
- 8) Essay: In approximately 500 words, analyze a significant public policy issue or problem that is in your intended area of public service. Present your analysis in the form of a memo to the government official who you feel has the most direct authority to resolve the issue (e.g. President, Cabinet Office, Governor, Chair of a legislative committee). Your memo should define the issue, lay out your proposed solution, identify major obstacles to the implementation of your solution, and recommend a specific course of action. Provide statistical data, if necessary, to put the issue in context and support your recommendations.

Include the following with your application:

- Two letters of recommendation from a faculty member, department head, or academic advisor;
- A copy of your fall schedule (to help arrange interviews);
- An official college transcript.

Deliver all application information by 5:00 pm **Friday, October 30, 2015** to the Henry Bellmon Office of Scholar Development & Undergraduate Research, **334 Student Union**.

OSU finalists will be notified regarding the interview portion of the competition shortly after the deadline. Interviews will be scheduled for early November.