

# 2020 TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

## OSU INFORMATION & INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION

OSU Deadline: October 28, 2019

(National deadline – February 4, 2020)

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.*

Common graduate degrees of Truman Scholars include master's degrees, doctorates, or professional degrees such as a law degree, 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.

### **Award**

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

### **Eligibility**

- \*Junior standing (expected graduation date of December 2020 or May 2021)
- 3.50 minimum cumulative GPA
- United States citizen or U. S. national
- Academic excellence, extensive leadership experience, and record of public and/or community service

### **To Apply**

Submit the information requested on the back of this page to the Director of Scholar Development (334 Student Union) by **October 28, 2019**.

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 **Monday, October 28, 2019** to the Director of the Henry Bellmon Office of Scholar Development & Undergraduate Research, **334 Student Union**.

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