

The Truman Scholarship

The Truman Scholarship is a \$30,000 merit-based grant awarded to undergraduate students, who wish financial support to attend graduate or professional school in preparation for careers in government, the non-profit sector or elsewhere in public service at a leadership level.

The Foundation seeks candidates who have extensive records of public and community service, are committed to careers in government or elsewhere in public service, and have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills. Financial need is not a consideration.

Students must first be selected as final MTSU candidates to compete in the final Truman competition. Interviews may be required.

**Internal Deadline:
October 9**

E-Mail Laura.Clippard@mtsu.edu if you have questions. **Web site:** <http://www.truman.gov>

Are you a potential Truman Scholar?

Student Name: _____

Please check all that apply:

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (must be met)

- I am a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree.
NOTE: Students who have completed their bachelor's degree or are already attending graduate school are NOT eligible for the Truman Scholarship.
- 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, non-profit 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 non-profit 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 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;
- I have been involved with organizations or activities related to my career interests.
- I have demonstrated some of my leadership potential.
- I have sufficiently strong grades and coursework 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.

TRUMAN APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL MTSU COMPETITION

**RETURN TO: Laura Clippard, Honors Building #227. Mailing Address:
MTSU Honors College, MTSU Box 267, Murfreesboro, TN 37132**

**Deadline:
October 9**

Student Name _____ ID Number _____

MTSU E-mail _____ Alternate E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Hours Earned to Date _____ Semester of Expected Graduation _____

Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____

MTSU Academic Advisor _____ Are you a U. S. Citizen? Yes No

If not, are you a permanent resident? Yes No Do you plan to attend graduate school? Yes No

Is your long-term goal to work in a non-profit or government agency? Yes No

What are your long-term career goals?

Please tell us about your campus, community and government activities. Do not put an activity in more than one section. Students can attach a resume but the sections below still need to be completed.

SCHOOL

Please list, in order of significance, your academic or school related activities (student government would go here). List activity, with dates of involvement and any office(s) held.

COMMUNITY

Please list, in order of significance, your community, public service or civic activities (homeless services, work with religious organizations, environmental work, etc.). List activity and dates of involvement.

GOVERNMENT

Please list all government activities in order of significance (internships with government agencies, campaign activities, ROTC, Military, Municipal boards and commissions). Do not list student government. List dates of involvement.

Describe one specific example of your leadership.

Describe a problem or need in society you want to address in your future career.

I give permission for the UFO office to share my name, academic information (including transcripts) with off-campus personnel at the national scholarship level. I also grant permission for my name, photo and other information from this application to be shared in the event that I am awarded a scholarship/fellowship.

Student Signature _____ Today's Date _____

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COMMENTS/FOLLOW-UP:
