

## **Truman Scholarship Information 2014-2015 for Brigham Young University Students**

The Truman Scholarship Foundation awards \$30,000 scholarships to students who want to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in public service. Public service is defined broadly and includes employment at any level of government, uniformed services, public-interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, public and private schools, and public-serving nonprofit organizations. The Truman process is often a beginning for students seeking other prestigious awards such as the Marshall, Rhodes, and Gates Cambridge Scholarships.

Candidates must be nominated by Brigham Young University. The BYU Truman Committee will consider for possible nomination full-time junior-level students (not defined by credit hours but rather by graduation in December 2015 or April or December 2016) who are pursuing a bachelor's degree and

- are committed to a career in public service;
- are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (resident aliens are ineligible);
- have an undergraduate GPA of 3.7 or higher (though in exceptional circumstances, such as a truly outstanding community and public service background, consideration to candidates with lower GPAs may be given);
- have extensive records of public and community service;
- desire to make a difference by influencing public policies or education programs; and
- seek one or more of the following graduate degrees or equivalents: MPA, MPP, JD, MEd, MIA, MPH, and other master or doctoral degrees in fields in which most graduates go into public service.

Students interested in being nominated by BYU must complete and submit the "Sample Application," which is available at the Truman website. **Do not complete the official online application.** The online application is only for students officially nominated by the BYU Truman Committee. Students may also go to <http://www.truman.gov/> for more information.

The deadline date for submission of the Sample Truman Scholarship Application to the BYU Truman Committee (350D MSRB) is **November 28, 2014**. Students with the most promising applications will be invited to continue the process and meet with the BYU Truman Committee in December.

## Truman Scholarship Process for 2014-2015

September – November 2014	Truman Scholarship eligibility, submission, and other information will be made available to junior and sophomore-level students at BYU. Sophomore and freshman students can significantly increase their future chances if they acquaint themselves with the process to self-assess their strengths and weaknesses.
October 2014 TBA	Truman Scholarship Information Meeting
November 28, 2014	Deadline to submit <a href="#">Truman Sample Application</a> (containing Truman Scholarship Application form, Policy Proposal, official transcript, a list of recommenders with their contact information, and a brief description of why you have chosen them as recommenders, and a completed <a href="#">Scholarship Nomination Permission Form and Waiver</a> to National Scholarships, Fellowships, & Programs (NSFP) office in 102B MSRB.
Early December 2014	The BYU Truman Committee will invite top applicants to interview and inform them of nomination decisions.
Mid-December – Early January 2015	The BYU Truman Committee will select BYU nominees, and nominees will revise and polish applications and solicit letters of recommendation.
January 5, 2015	Deadline for revised applications from nominees to be submitted to NSFP office (102B MSRB) for additional BYU Truman Committee feedback.
Mid-January, 2015 TBA	Nominees receive feedback and continue to polish applications.
Late January, 2015 TBA	Nominees submit finished application to NSFP, 102B MSRB and online
Late January 2015 TBA	BYU submits applications to the Truman Scholarship Headquarters.
Late February 2015	Truman Foundation announcement of finalists.
March 2015	Oral interviews held for finalists from all universities in the U.S.
Late March 2015	Truman Scholars are announced on the Truman Foundation website.
Late May 2015	Truman Scholars Leadership Week with awards ceremony in Liberty, Missouri.
Summer 2015	Truman Scholars Washington Summer Institute in Washington, D.C.

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