UNM Preliminary Deadline: October 1, 2023

I. Eligibility
   - Be a junior (graduating between December 2024 and August 2025) or a graduating senior if you are graduating within 3 years
   - Be a U.S. Citizen
   - Have a highly competitive GPA
   - Plan to pursue a master’s degree in Law, Public Administration, Public Health, Social Work, Education, Public Policy, International Affairs, etc.
   - Plan to work in public service for three of the first seven years after I complete a Foundation-funded graduate degree.
   - **Obtain institutional nomination** - Submit UNM online Application Form
   
   NISF.unm.edu ➔ Prestigious Awards ➔ Truman Scholarship ➔ Application Form

II. Awards and Benefits
   - $30,000 for graduate degrees in public service fields
   - Invitation to Truman Leadership Week
   - Assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and professional development

III. Criteria
   - Appropriateness for proposed graduate study
   - A “Change Agent” in your field
   - Selection criteria for Finalists include
     - extent and quality of community service and government involvement
     - leadership record
     - academic performance, writing and analytical skills and
     - suitability of the nominee’s proposed program of study for a career in public service.
   - At the interview, Truman scholars are selected largely based on
     - leadership potential and communication skills
     - intellectual strength and analytical ability and
     - likelihood of ‘making a difference’ in public service.

IV. Truman Application/Supporting Documents (The CAELD office upload the supporting documents.)
   - Online application form
   - College/university transcript(s)
   - Three letters of recommendation
     1. **Leadership Potential and Abilities**
        a. Confirm and elaborate on the leadership example the candidate described in Question 7 on the Application
        b. Address the candidate’s personal characteristics (confidence, persuasiveness, diligence, conviction, vitality, poise, and so forth) which contribute to the candidate’s leadership abilities.
2. **Commitment to a Career in Public Service**
   a. Confirm and elaborate on the service experience the candidate described in Question 8 on the Application.
   b. Describe a significant contribution made by the candidate through one or more public service, community or government-related activities
   c. Address the candidate’s values, interests, goals, and/or ambitions which represent commitment to a career in government or elsewhere in the public service.

3. **Intellect and Prospects for Continuing Academic Success**
   a. Discuss the student's overall academic background in context of the student's future plans for career and graduate school

V. **Selection Process**
   October 1, 2023 (11:59 pm) – UNM Preliminary Application Due
   October 21, 2023 – UNM Finalists Announced
   Late October – Early November 2023 – UNM Finalists Interview
   Early November 2023 – UNM Nominees Announced
   December 1, 2023 – First Draft Due, Recommenders Confirmation

**February 2024 – Truman Application Due**
February 2024 – Truman Finalists Announced
March or April– Finalist Interview
April 2024– Truman Scholars Announced

VI. **Resources**
   - [https://nisf.unm.edu/prestigious-scholarships/truman-scholarship/index.html](https://nisf.unm.edu/prestigious-scholarships/truman-scholarship/index.html)
   - [http://www.truman.gov/are-you-potential-truman-scholar](http://www.truman.gov/are-you-potential-truman-scholar): “Are you a potential Truman Scholar?”
   - [https://www.truman.gov/2017-truman-scholars/](https://www.truman.gov/2017-truman-scholars/): Meet Truman Scholars

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**2023 Truman Scholars Fact**
62 Truman Scholars from 705 candidates nominated by 275 colleges/universities
- 33 Scholars attend public universities
- 19 Scholars attend private research universities
- 8 Scholars attend private liberal arts colleges
- 2 Scholar attends service academies

**UNM achievement**
- 2023 – Truman Scholar
- 2022 – Truman Scholar
- 2021 – Truman Scholar
- 2020 – (1 Finalist)
- 2019 – (1 Finalist)
- 2017 – (1 Finalist)
- 2015 – (1 Finalist)
- 2014 – Truman Scholar (4 finalists)
- 2011 – Truman Scholar (2 finalists)
- 2010 – Truman Scholar

Notable Truman Scholars
- **Susan Rice** (1984) National Security Advisor, US Ambassador to the UN
- **Ted Deutch** (1986) US Representative from Florida
- **Neil Gorsuch** (1987) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
- **Stacey Abrams** (1994) Georgia House Minority Leader
- **David Haskell** (2000) Editor-in-Chief of New York Magazine
- **Andy Kim** (2003) US representative from New Jersey