UNM Preliminary Deadline: October 1, 2022

I. Eligibility

- Be a junior (graduating between December 2023 and August 2024) 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, 2022 (11:59 pm) – UNM Preliminary Application Due
   October 21, 2022 – UNM Finalists Announced
   Late October – Early November 2022 – UNM Finalists Interview
   Early November 2022 – UNM Nominees Announced
   December 1, 2022 – First Draft Due, Recommenders Confirmation
   **February 7, 2023 – Truman Application Due**
   February 17, 2023 – Truman Finalists Announced
   March or April– Finalist Interview
   April 19, 2023– 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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**2022 Truman Scholars Fact**
58 Truman Scholars from 705 candidates nominated by 275 colleges/universities
- 25 Scholars attend public universities
- 15 Scholars attend private research universities
- 15 Scholars attend private liberal arts colleges
- 3 Scholar attends service academies

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

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**UNM achievement**
- 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