UNM Preliminary Deadline: October 1, 2019

I. Eligibility
- Be a junior (graduating between December 2020 and August 2021)
- 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
  (https://nisf.unm.edu/prestigious-scholarships/truman-scholarship/application-form.php)

II. Awards and Benefits
- $30,000 for graduate degrees in public service fields
- 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
- Extensive involvement in two or more of the following sets of 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;
  - Partisan political activities and campaigns.

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, 2019 (11:59 pm) – UNM Preliminary Application Due
   October 21, 2019 – UNM Finalists Announced
   Late October – Early November, 2020 – UNM Finalists Interview
   Early November, 2020 – UNM Nominees Announced
   December 1, 2020 – First Draft Due, Recommenders Confirmation

   **February 4, 2020 – Truman Application Due**
   February 21, 2020 – Truman Finalist Announced
   March or April– Finalist Interview in Phoenix
   April 15, 2020 – Truman Scholars Announced
   May 19-24, 2020 – Truman Scholars Leadership Week

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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**2019 Truman Scholars Fact**
62 Truman Scholars from 840 candidates nominated by 346 colleges
- 24 Scholars attend public universities
- 20 Scholars attend private research universities
- 14 Scholars attend private liberal arts colleges
- 4 Scholar attends military academies

**Notable Truman Scholars**
- Supreme Court Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch (1987)
- U.S. Senator Chris Coons (1983)
- Former Missouri Governor Eric Greitens (1995)
- Former National Security Advisor Susan Rice (1984)
- U.S. Congressman Ted Deutch (1986)
- New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (1981)
- Former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano (1977)

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