UNM Preliminary Deadline: October 1, 2021

I. Eligibility
   • Be a junior (graduating between December 2022 and August 2023) or a 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
     (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
   • Selection criteria for Finalists:
     o extent and quality of community service and government involvement;
     o leadership record;
     o academic performance, writing and analytical skills; and
     o suitability of the nominee’s proposed program of study for a career in public service.
   • At the interview, Truman scholars are selected largely on the basis of:
     o leadership potential and communication skills;
     o intellectual strength and analytical ability; and
     o 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, 2021 (11:59 pm) – UNM Preliminary Application Due
   October 21, 2021 – UNM Finalists Announced
   Late October – Early November, 2021 – UNM Finalists Interview
   Early November, 2021 – UNM Nominees Announced
   December 1, 2021 – First Draft Due, Recommenders Confirmation
   **February 1, 2022 – Truman Application Due**
   February 19, 2021 – Truman Finalist Announced
   March or April – Finalist Interview
   April 15, 2021 – 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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2021 **Truman Scholars Fact**
62 Truman Scholars from 845 candidates nominated by 328 colleges
- 26 Scholars attend public universities
- 24 Scholars attend private research universities
- 10 Scholars attend private liberal arts colleges
- 2 Scholar attend service academies

Notable Truman Scholars
- **Janet Napolitano** (1977) Governor of Arizona, Secretary of Homeland Security
- **Bill de Blasio** (1981) New York City Mayor
- **George Stephanopoulos** (1981) Chief Anchor for ABC News
- **Susan Rice** (1984), National Security Advisor, US Ambassador to the UN
- **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

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UNM achievement
- 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