UNM Preliminary Deadline: October 1, 2020

I. Eligibility
   • Be a junior (graduating between December 2021 and August 2022)
   • 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, 2020 (11:59 pm) – UNM Preliminary Application Due
   October 21, 2020 – 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 2, 2021 – Truman Application Due
   February 19, 2021 – Truman Finalist Announced
   March or April– Finalist Interview
   April 14, 2021– Truman Scholars Announced

VI. Resources
   • https://nisf.unm.edu/prestigious-scholarships/truman-scholarship/index.html
   • http://www.truman.gov/are-you-potential-truman-scholar: “Are you a potential Truman Scholar?”
   • https://www.truman.gov/2017-truman-scholars/: Meet Truman Scholars
   • http://www.truman.gov/sample-application-forms/: Truman Sample Application Materials
   • http://www.truman.gov/candidates/advice-guidance: Advice & Guidance for Candidates

2020 Truman Scholars Fact
   62 Truman Scholars from 773 candidates nominated by 316 colleges
   • 27 Scholars attend public universities
   • 22 Scholars attend private research universities
   • 12 Scholars attend private liberal arts colleges
   • 1 Scholar attends service academies

Notable Truman Scholars
   Janet Napolitano (1977) Governor of Arizona, Secretary of Homeland Security
   Bill de Blasio (1981) New York City Mayor
   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

UNM achievement
   2020 – (1 Finalist)
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   2017 – (1 Finalist)
   2015 – (1 Finalist)
   2014 – Truman Scholar (4 finalists)
   2011 – Truman Scholar (2 finalists)
   2010 – Truman Scholar

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