



UNM Preliminary Deadline: October 1, 2017

I. Eligibility

- Be a junior (graduating between December 2018 and August 2019)
- 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, 2017 (11:59 pm) – UNM Preliminary Application Due
 October 21, 2017 – UNM Finalists Announced
 October 23 – November 3, 2017 – UNM Finalists Interview
 Early November, 2017 – UNM Nominees Announced
 December 1, 2017 – First Draft Due, Recommenders Confirmation
February 6, 2018 – Truman Application Due
 February 20, 2018 – Truman Finalist Announced
 March or April– Finalist Interview in Phoenix
 April 18, 2018– Truman Scholars Announced
 May 22-27, 2018 – Truman Scholars Leadership Week

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

2017 Truman Scholars Fact

- 62 Truman Scholars from 768 candidates nominated by 315 colleges
- 7 institutions have multiple Truman Scholars
 - 24 Scholars attend public universities
 - 26 Scholars attend private research universities
 - 11 Scholars attend private liberal arts colleges
 - 1 Scholar attends military academies

Notable Truman Scholars

Supreme Court Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch (1987)
 U.S. Senator Chris Coons (1983)
 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)

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