

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Truman Scholarship

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	Brief description	More information
1. Award	Truman Scholars receive \$30,000 of funding for graduate school in fields relevant to careers in public service, broadly defined. Additionally, many programs contribute their own funding to support Truman Scholars. Awardees frequently go on apply for other prestigious awards.	https://www.truman.gov/ “Public service” is broadly defined (see para. above “The Nomination Procedure”) Additional Scholar Benefits (incl. matching scholarships)
2. Eligibility	US citizens and nationals who are current juniors in undergraduate study who have leadership experiences, a commitment to public service, a record of community service, and outstanding academic performance (GPA 3.7+).	Eligibility Many fields supported
3. Timing	Those interested in applying must demonstrate competitiveness and express interest no later than early fall semester of junior year. Applicants will be subject to internal deadlines. See next page for details of timing.	Important Dates Use of the award to fund graduate school may be deferred for up to four years after the completion of the undergraduate degree.
4. Selection Criteria	The Truman Scholarship targets students committed to becoming change agents and improving institutions that serve the public. These students are well-informed and conscientious, demonstrating a record of outstanding academics and community service. Additionally, recipients must commit to a career in public service for three of the seven years after receiving their graduate degree.	Selection Criteria Approximately 600 individuals are nominated each year by their colleges and universities. 55 to 65 Scholarships are awarded annually.
5. Smith Role	Each participating institution is allowed four nominations (and up to three additional who are transfer students). Therefore, those interested in applying must be aware of both the internal and externally competitive nature of this fellowship.	How to Become a Truman Scholar See next page for details of application process.
6. Fun fact(s)	The Truman Scholarship Foundation is particularly interested in supporting students who care more about making a difference than making a dollar. By subsidizing graduate studies, the Foundation hopes to ensure that economic circumstances need not deter students from changing the world.	Katie McGarry, 21, Ada is Smith’s latest Truman Scholar.
7. How to get started	Fill out an interest form and make a fellowship appointment through Handshake .	Contact fellowships@smith.edu for more information or if you have questions.