Dear Prospective Truman Scholarship Applicant:

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation supports the graduate education and professional development of outstanding young people committed to public service leadership. Truman Scholars receive up to $30,000 for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

ENDORSEMENT

The Truman Scholarship requires an institutional endorsement as part of the application. The University of Delaware uses a selective application process to determine endorsement and can nominate up to 4 candidates for the Truman Scholarship each year. Endorsed candidates apply out of their state of legal residence.

If you intend to apply in 2021 for the Truman Scholarship, this endorsement application must be submitted by Monday, June 1, 2020. Please email a current resume to kristinb@udel.edu. Your application will be read by a scholarship committee. A select group of finalists will be interviewed by the committee. You must provide us with summer contact information on the application.

TIME COMMITMENT IF ENDORSED

Please note that if you are selected for endorsement, you will commit to working on your scholarship application over the summer, throughout the fall semester, and during winter session. There is a significant time commitment to present a competitive application and receive serious consideration for a prestigious national merit award like the Truman Scholarship. Final applications are due to the Foundation at the very beginning of February 2021.
DO YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE YOU APPLY

It is crucial that you research this scholarship carefully (www.truman.gov), reading all the eligibility requirements and selection criteria. You will also need to engage in honest self-reflection on your goals, values, academic achievements, and extracurricular record in relation to the purpose of the award in question and the kind of students it seeks. In other words, you have some homework to do before you decide whether or not to apply.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITMENT

All applicants should be aware that the Truman Scholarship has a service requirement. Truman Scholars are required to work in public service for three of the seven years following completion of a Foundation funded graduate degree program as a condition of receiving Truman funds. Scholars who do not meet this service requirement, or who fail to provide timely proof to the Foundation of such employment, will be required to repay funds received along with interest.

QUESTIONS

Questions about the Truman Scholarship should be directed to:

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