

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program Information Session

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Agenda

- Overview of program
- Key Deadlines
- Suggestions for Application
- Questions

Program Overview

- Created by Congress in 1975
- 55-60 selected annually

Requirements

- Full time junior or senior-level student in third year of college
- U.S. citizen
- Career interest in public service (3 year commitment)
- Intent to pursue graduate school
- Community service, leadership, and academic record

Benefits

- \$30,000 graduate school scholarship
- Truman Scholar Leadership Week
- Summer Institute
- Incredible Alumni Network
- Additional Opportunities

Process and Materials

- Submit two page intention to apply
- Nomination by Stockton
- Three letters of recommendation
- Preparation of Application
- Policy Proposal

Important Dates

- Provide me with intent to apply: December 16, 2017
- Application Deadline: February 7, 2017
- Finalist Confirmation: February 23, 2017
- Regional Review Panels: March 3 – April 7, 2017
- Scholar Posting: April 12, 2017
- Leadership Week: May 23-28, 2017

Application Suggestions

- Truman's Tips
- Sample Application Forms
- Make leadership clear
- Question 9: Give details that demonstrate a solid grasp of the issue
- Questions 11-12: Be as concrete as possible, evaluators look for whether you can realize your vision
- Question 14: Don't miss opportunity to highlight additional things (personal importance of policy topic, other things that didn't come up before)
- Proposal: Needs to be narrow, specific

Questions