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TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

(Truman Scholarship web site: <http://www.truman.gov/>)
(Advice & Guidance for application completion <http://www.truman.gov/advice/>)
We encourage all applicants to visit this website for more detailed information about the program

In order to access the on-line application, students must receive login credentials from the Truman Faculty Representative. Please review the "Bulletin of Information" thoroughly before applying (refer to website). If you wish to apply, please contact the Truman Faculty Representative (TFR), Kimberly Parent, in the Career Development Center to discuss your plans.

TYPE: Nomination by Mount Holyoke College is required. Mount Holyoke may nominate up to four candidates for this award. An additional three students who completed their first two years at a community college may also be nominated. Apply as a Junior.

PURPOSE: The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, the federal memorial to our thirty-third President, awards merit-based \$30,000 scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in government, the non-profit sector, or elsewhere in public service, and wish to attend graduate or professional school to help prepare for their careers. Truman Scholars participate in leadership development programs and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

ELIGIBILITY: Basic eligibility requirements are as follows:

- U.S. citizenship or U.S. nationals from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Resident aliens (green card holders) are not eligible.
- Be full-time juniors and be in the upper quarter of their class (see "Special Notes")
- Be committed to a career in government or public service as defined by the Foundation

SELECTION CRITERIA: The Foundation seeks candidates who have extensive records of public and community service; are committed to careers in government or elsewhere in public service; have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills; and have high academic performance, writing and analytical skills. Financial need is not a consideration. Priority is given to candidates proposing to enroll in graduate and professional programs specifically oriented to careers in public service.

AWARDS: The Foundation plans to award 60-65 Truman Scholarships in 2009 on the basis of merit. The award may be used only for tuition, fees, books, room and board, or other specifically approved expenses.

SERVICE REQUIREMENT: All candidates should be aware that the Truman Scholarship has a newly instituted service requirement. Scholars selected from 2005 on 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. The Foundation will have an appeals process for special circumstances.

SPECIAL NOTES: Residents of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Marianas must be in their senior class to be nominated.

PREVIOUS TRUMAN SCHOLARS:

Twelve Mount Holyoke students have won a Truman Scholarship since the program's inception in 1978. A gender studies major with a minor in psychology became a Truman Scholar in 2008. She is planning to pursue her Master's degree in public health and health policy.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The application will be available online on Wednesday, August 1, 2008. Students must submit a preliminary application and materials and participate in an interview with the Fellowship Committee. The Committee will decide after the interview whether to support a student's candidacy. Students must complete the Truman application online. Access to the application system is controlled by the Truman Faculty Representative.

PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE, LAMINATE OR BIND ANY PART OF THE APPLICATION FORM OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AS THEY WILL BE COPIED FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE ON FELLOWSHIPS!

NOMINATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES:

Carefully follow the "Student Step-By-Step Instructions" for completing your application at http://www.truman.gov/usr_doc/StudentInstructions.pdf. After the TFR registers you, you will receive an email containing your user name (your email address), password, and a link to the on-line application. Click on the link and enter your user name and password. The Foundation recommends using Internet Explorer to complete the application.

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Your application must be submitted along with the following documents to the Truman Faculty Representative:

- **On-line application form**
- **On-line policy proposal**
- **Three letters of recommendation** from faculty members. These letters should be sent directly to the Career Development Center by the writers. Note that you should give to each recommender a photocopy of the form provided with the application, signed to indicate whether you do or do not waive your access to the letter along.
- **Official transcripts from each institution attended, including study abroad, including fall semester if available, and a transcript of your high school grades** (note: MHC unofficial transcripts may be submitted to the Committee on Fellowships for the interview, however if nominated, official transcripts will be required for final application submission). Transcripts are to be sent directly to the CDC.

Monday, December 08 through Thursday, December 12, 2008

The Fellowship Committee interviews and selects nominees.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Final application is due to the Career Development Center.

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Deadline for Foundation receipt of application and nomination materials.

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Finalists are posted on the Foundation website.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that each portion of the application, including letters of recommendation, is received by the appropriate deadline. If you will be requesting transcripts from other institutions or letters of recommendation from outside the College (particularly outside the U.S.), please do so immediately, as these materials can take several weeks to reach us. If you anticipate a problem meeting a particular deadline or have any questions concerning your application, please contact the Truman Faculty Representative (Kimberly Parent) at (413) 538-2080.