Truman Scholarship Information Sheet
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What is the Truman Scholarship?
The Truman Scholarship recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential. Awardees are committed to careers in government, nonprofit/advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in the public service. The scholarship provides up to $30,000 in funding for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service. Additionally, the Truman Foundation provides support for a wide range of professional development. Scholars are invited to participate in a number of programs: Truman Scholar Leadership Week, The Summer Institute, and The Truman-Albright Fellows Program. Truman Scholars are obligated to work in public service for three of the seven years following the completion of their graduate work.

Who is eligible for the Truman Scholarship?
Truman Scholarship applicants must meet the following minimum criteria at the time of application:

1. U.S. citizen or a U.S. national from a Pacific Island.
2. Full-time, junior-level student, or a senior-level student in third year of college enrollment.
3. Typically, a GPA of 3.6 or above. However, there are exceptions for applicants with particularly outstanding leadership and public service experiences.
4. Interested in graduate school and committed to a career in public service.

In general, preference is given to nominees pursuing law degrees and master’s and doctoral degrees in fields like public administration, public policy, public health, international relations, government, economics, social services delivery, education and human resource development, and conservation.

Who is competitive for the Truman Scholarship?
Successful applicants will: have an extensive record of public and community service, typically involving leadership; have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills; and be committed to a career in government or elsewhere in public service, as defined by the Truman Foundation. You should review http://www.truman.gov/are-you-potential-truman-scholar/ before deciding whether or not to apply; this page provides more details about the profile of an ideal Truman Scholar.

Up to 4 nominees are selected from the University of Notre Dame. These nominees’ applications are forwarded to the Truman Foundation. Out of roughly 650 applicants, about 200 are invited to interview, and 60-70 are named Truman Scholars. Notre Dame has had 11 Truman Scholars.

What is my next step if I am interested in applying for the Truman Scholarship?
Find out at http://fellows.nd.edu/fellowships/truman.