HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION
What is the Truman Scholarship?

- The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation supports the graduate education and professional development of outstanding young people committed to public service leadership.
- A merit-based scholarship for college juniors who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service.
- The foundation receives over 600 nominations each year for 55-65 awards.
- Since its creation in 1975, the Foundation has supported almost 3,000 Truman Scholars who are making a difference in all corners of the nation and around the globe.
Scholarship Benefits

• *Up to $30,000* toward a public service-related graduate degree at any institution
  
  - Such as: public administration, public policy, public health, law, international relations, government, economics, social services, education, urban planning, conservation and environmental protection, agriculture, biology, engineering, technology, medicine, and environmental management, etc....
Additional Scholarship Benefits

• Truman Scholars Leadership Week
  ▪ May 23-28: This event introduces new Scholars to the services provided by the Foundation and the many pathways to public service, and mentoring opportunities

• Summer Institute
  ▪ After graduation, Scholars may participate in an eight-week Summer Institute in Washington, DC

• Truman-Albright and Other Fellows Program
  ▪ Truman-Albright Fellows are placed in public service jobs while participating in workshops, seminars

• Students may defer scholarship funding up to four years after graduation
Eligibility

• Current juniors or students graduating in Spring 2019
  ▪ 3rd year students graduating in Spring 2018 are also eligible to apply

• 3.0 Cumulative GPA or above
  ▪ (in the upper quarter of his or her class)

• Open to United States citizens or US Nationals
Eligibility Continued

• Committed to work in government, education, the nonprofit sector, or the public interest/advocacy sector

• Extensive participation in two or more of the following:
  ✓ Student government and/or campus-based extracurricular activities;
  ✓ Community service-related activities that were not organized by your school or by your fraternity/sorority
  ✓ Government internships, commissions or boards, advocacy or interest groups, nonpartisan political activities, or military/ROTC
  ✓ Partisan political activities and campaigns

• Demonstrated leadership potential and outstanding communication skills
How to Apply

- ONIF must grant you access to the online application
  - Submit ONIF’s waiver form and receive access

- LMU may nominate up to *four students* for the national competition
  
  *An additional 3 transfer students may be nominated*
How to Apply Continued

✓ Complete a **policy proposal**
  ▪ Define the problem
  ▪ Lay out your proposed solution
  ▪ Identify major obstacles to the implementation of your solution

✓ Complete the 14 answer application
  ▪ Questions 7-14 are essentially a **personal statement**

✓ Request **three** letters of recommendation
  ▪ Leadership Abilities & Potential
    • Confirm the experience described in Q7, example of your leadership
  ▪ Commitment to a Career in Public Service
    • Confirm the experience described in Q8, satisfying public service activity
  ▪ Intellect and Prospects for Continuing Academic Success
    • Ideally written by someone who has taught you in the classroom

✓ **Unofficial transcripts**
The National Section Process

• About 200 Finalists are selected:
  – extent and quality of community service and government involvement
  – leadership record
  – academic performance, writing and analytical skills
  – suitability of the nominee's proposed program of study for a career in public service

• Finalist interviews are in March/early April at regional locations

• Truman Scholars are selected:
  – leadership potential and communication skills
  – intellectual strength and analytical ability
  – likelihood of 'making a difference' in public service

• If Finalists from a state do not adequately meet each of these criteria, it does not select a scholar from that state. The scholarship will carry over to 2019
Why Apply?

✓ Learn how to effectively write and verbalize your short and long-term goals
  ▪ Do you plan to go to grad school? If so, what degree? And where?
  ▪ Where do you see yourself in 5 years? 10 years?

✓ Identify gaps in your experience and knowledge base

✓ Connect with faculty
  ▪ Use this experience to identify recommenders

✓ Make yourself more competitive for future opportunities
Important Dates

✓ **November 29:** Required checkpoint & Applicant Workshop at 4 p.m. Drafts of Q1-14 and policy proposals are due, along with names of recommenders

✓ **January 5:** LMU campus deadline- all application materials due, including letters of rec

✓ **January 15-19:** Campus Interviews with Truman Campus Committee

✓ **January 19:** Applicants will learn if they received LMU’s nomination

✓ **February 6:** Truman Scholarship national deadline

✓ **March-April:** Regional review panels and interviews

✓ **April 18:** Truman Scholars announced
Additional Resources

- The Truman Website!!!
- ONIF
  - LMU LOR Advice: Truman Scholarship
- Faculty
- Career Professional Development
- Writing Center
- Penn State's Truman Essay Tips and Samples
Additional Fellowship Opportunities

- **The Public Policy & International Affairs Program (PPIA) Fellowship** - Deadline: November 1. The PPIA program prepares undergraduates to be competitive candidates for top degree programs in the fields of public policy, public administration or international affairs.

- **The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program** - Deadline: November 15. The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program offers fully-funded summer language institutes for U.S. university students and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

- **Gaither Junior Fellows Program** - Campus Deadline: November (senior year). The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is a unique global network of policy research centers in Russia, China, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. Gaither junior fellows work as research assistants to the endowment's senior associates.

- **Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows Program** - Deadline: January. The Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows program is a fully paid and funded, five and a half week summer residential program for sophomores who desire to make a difference.

- **John Lewis Fellowship** - Deadline: January 8. The John Lewis Fellowship offers 30 American and European university students the opportunity to explore race and civil rights, immigration and Native American issues in Atlanta, Georgia.

- **The Fulbright Program** - Campus Deadline: August 31, 2018. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students. Types of grants include study/research awards and English Teaching Assistant awards, as well as other special programs.

- **Schwarzman Scholars** - Campus Deadline: August 31, 2018. The Schwarzman Scholars Program gives the world's best and brightest students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through a one-year Master's Degree at Tsinghua University in. Taught in English, Scholars choose a concentration in Business & Economics, Public Policy, or International Affairs.

- **Rangel Summer Enrichment Program** - Deadline: February 1. Designed to provide undergraduate students with a deeper appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs, a greater understanding of career opportunities in international affairs, and the enhanced knowledge and skills to pursue such careers.

- **Capital Fellows Programs** - Deadline: February (senior year). The 18 Assembly Fellows, 18 Senate Fellows, 18 Executive Fellows and 10 Judicial Administration Fellows receive an outstanding opportunity to engage in public service and prepare for future careers, while actively contributing to the development and implementation of public policy in California.
# Upcoming ONIF Events

For registration and event information, visit: [www.lmu.edu/onif](http://www.lmu.edu/onif)

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