Truman Application Process: 2015-2016

Program Goal
The Truman Scholarship was designed to honor President Harry S. Truman. The Truman Scholarship Foundation supports students dedicated to a career in public service who currently display excellent leadership and service. Recipients will receive $30,000 towards graduate school. In addition scholars are brought to Washington, D.C. to participate in an internship with the federal government or nationally focused nonprofit organization.

Eligibility
- U.S Citizen
- College junior
- Must be nominated by the University

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<td>October 15, 2015</td>
<td>Inform Office of Scholarships &amp; Fellowships on intent to apply (so we can activate online application)</td>
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<td>Nov. 4, 2015</td>
<td>CAMPUS DEADLINE (4:00 p.m.): All application materials submitted to the Office of Scholarships &amp; Fellowships.</td>
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<td>Mid November</td>
<td>Candidates interviewed by the Truman Scholarship Committee.</td>
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<td>Candidates notified if selected by FIU for endorsement.</td>
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Working with the Office of Scholarships & Fellowships
The Office of Scholarships and Fellowships supports all of FIU’s Truman Applicants. Assistance is offered in the form of individual student meetings to discuss candidacy and project ideas, essay construction and revision assistance, and technical support. Material resources include Truman writing guides, sample Truman essays, Truman reference letter guides, and interview preparation. For More information regarding the Truman scholarship please contact:

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Evaluation and Selection of Fellows
A Truman candidate must be endorsed by an institution at which he or she has completed two years of full-time undergraduate study.

Once a candidate receives a university endorsement, candidates submit applications electronically via the Truman application portal. After the deadline, applications will be reviewed and winners will be notified by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

Crucial factors in the selection of Truman scholars include literary and scholastic attainments, integrity of character, interest in and respect for one’s fellow beings, the ability to lead, and the energy to use one’s talents to the full.
**Internal Application Procedure**

*Pre-Application:* To apply for the Truman Scholarship you must be placed in the system by the Faculty Representative. Students must inform the Office of Scholarships and Fellowships of intent to apply. **This must be done before October 15, 2015.** Please contact Lisa Swinton at lswinton@fiu.edu or 305-348-0349.

*Campus Application Deadline:* Truman candidates must be endorsed by their college or university. Candidates must submit all application materials, no later than **4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.** The campus deadline is a hard deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for university endorsement after this date. A completed application includes:

1. Completed Truman on-line application submitted
2. Official College transcripts (from all colleges attended)
3. Letters of recommendation (as outlined by application guidelines) submitted to Dr. Schulze via email (rschulze@fiu.edu)

All internal application materials should conform to application guidelines determined by the general Truman Application.

Hard copies of all application materials should be submitted to the Office of Scholarships & Fellowships, PC 249D.