

2020 University of Pennsylvania Truman Scholarship Process

The **Truman Scholarship** awards up to \$30,000 in tuition support toward graduate study, as well as professional development opportunities and access to a network of Scholars, to “change agents” committed to pursuing public service careers (broadly defined to include government, non-profit, and advocacy work in all issue areas). Applicants must be U.S. citizens, and apply during their junior year.

Action	Date
Explore Truman Scholarship information and applicant resources (including a sample application) online	Anytime
Meet with CURF’s Lauren Orr to explore your interest in the Truman Scholarship and to gain access to the Truman Foundation’s online application system	Anytime
Attend CURF’s informational Truman events (often featuring Truman Scholars)	Fall 2020
Think about who you will ask to write your (3) required recommendations – you are encouraged to consult with CURF and to review relevant online resources . You will need to register each recommender via CURF webform , and recommendations must be submitted by Penn’s internal deadline.	Fall 2020
Work on your essay responses, policy proposal, and activities lists, giving yourself plenty of time for reflection, research, and ongoing revision	Fall 2020
Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of CURF applicant support resources ahead of the campus deadline – that means advising conversations and/or submitting draft essay responses for feedback	Fall 2020
Remind your recommenders of Penn’s upcoming deadline & double-check that you have registered them	11/23/2020
SUBMIT your COMPLETE application for Penn’s Campus Deadline! Also, submit CURF’s data agreement webform	12/1/2020
Penn’s Truman Nominating Committee reviews applications and provides feedback to CURF	December
CURF communicates nomination decisions to all applicants via email	Early January
Nominees accept Penn’s nomination and schedule appointments to meet with CURF staff	Early January
Nominees submit updated application drafts to CURF for final feedback	Mid-January
Nominees follow CURF instructions re: being photographed, submitting a bio, and registering in Penn Marketplace	Mid-January
Nominees SUBMIT final application for Truman’s National Deadline (HANDS OFF by 4pm so that CURF can forward nomination materials to the Truman Foundation)	2/2/2021 by 4pm EST
Truman Foundation notifies Finalists, inviting them to interview	Mid-February
Finalists accept interview offer and submit a photo & bio to the Truman Foundation	2/18/2021
Finalists work with CURF to request pre-approval for Truman interview travel	Mid-February
Finalists prepare (practicing and receiving feedback) via 2 Practice Interviews arranged by CURF	Feb-March
Finalists interview for the Truman Scholarship (region-by-region)	March-April
Truman Foundation announces the 2021 Truman Scholars	Mid-April
Truman Scholars participate in Truman Scholars Leadership Week (TSLW) in Missouri (required)	May 18-23, 2021
Truman Scholars participate in Washington Summer Institute (WSI) in Washington, DC (optional)	Summer 2022