

The Truman Scholarship at the University of Vermont
Campus Nomination Forms & Checklist
Campus deadline: December 1, 2023

The Truman Scholarship at UVM: All juniors who have a demonstrated interest in making the world a better place, who have the tenacity and determination to be a leader, and who have done well academically are encouraged to apply for a Truman Scholarship. This award is among the most prestigious available to undergraduates interested in public policy and public service.

Nomination & Endorsement Process: UVM is allowed to nominate 4-5 juniors for the national Truman Scholarship competition. Any current, full time UVM junior who is a U.S. citizen is eligible to apply. Staff from the Fellowships, Opportunities, and Undergraduate Research office (four@uvm.edu) are here to answer your questions about the endorsement process at any time. Please don't hesitate to meet with us or request application feedback.

Interested applicants submit their internal application materials by December 1, and a committee interviews applicants in early December. Interviews last about 30 minutes; applicants are questioned on their interest in public service, their policy proposal, and their career goals. Nominations are announced in mid-December, and all nominated applicants will then be registered with the Truman Foundation.

Nominated students are expected to stay in regular contact with FOUR staff and complete at least one draft of the national application form during winter break. Final application advising happens in January. The national Truman deadline is in early February 2024.

About Truman: The Truman Scholarship is a federal scholarship granted to 60 college juniors annually for demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to public service. Scholarships cover up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional school, provided that the Scholar enters public service upon completion of the program. The Truman Foundation defines public service as work for government agencies, public and private schools, many non-profit organizations, and more. One scholar is chosen from every state and U.S. territory and approximately 30 are chosen at large.

The Truman Scholarship at the University of Vermont Campus Application Checklist

To apply for campus endorsement process for a Truman Scholarship, submit the following to four@uvm.edu. Again, we highly recommend that you work with FOUR staff prior to the December 1 deadline as you craft the elements of your application.

Application parts:

- A resume or CV (no longer than two pages);
- Policy statement (use the attached form);
- Leadership statement (300 words): Describe one specific example of your leadership. (The writer of your letter of recommendation on leadership should confirm this experience.)
- Public Service Statement (300 words): Articulate how you define public service and discuss what role you think a public servant plays in society.
- Postgraduate Statement (300 words): Describe the issues you hope to address in your public service career. Discuss the graduate education you intend to pursue, including specific programs you will apply to, that will enable you to address these issues. Discuss the career this graduate education will lead you to and the path you see yourself taking to reach your career goals.
- An official or unofficial copy of all undergraduate transcripts (including UVM and any transfer and/or study abroad institutions).
- Three letters of recommendation:
 - One letter commenting on your academic accomplishments;
 - One letter commenting on your leadership experience (from someone able to comment on the leadership experience described in your leadership statement);
 - One letter commenting on your commitment to public service (letter writer must be familiar with your most significant public service activities).

Initial recommendations may be sent as an email. If you are nominated by UVM (after the December interview), recommendation writers should submit a signed letter on letterhead, sent as a pdf. Letters are emailed to four@uvm.edu.

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Policy Statement Form

Instructions: The policy proposal is your chance to focus on a problem—and articulate a solution—that has significance to the U.S. government, to a substantial segment of the U.S. population, to your state, to the environment, or to an international community. Address your proposal to the government official who has the most authority to deal with this issue (the person can be at the international, federal, state, or local level). The proposal must relate to the problem(s) you identified in your Postgraduate Statement. Do not exceed 500 words total. You may attach a separate document.

To:	Office Held:
Issue:	
Problem Statement:	
Proposed Solution:	
Major Obstacles/Implementation Challenges:	
Signature	Date