

2013 HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Pitt Campus Guidelines and Timeline

CHARACTERISTICS OF POTENTIAL TRUMAN NOMINEE

- Track record of outstanding service, leadership, academic potential
- Ability to meaningfully discuss a wide range of domestic and global events
- Extremely competitive (typically one scholar per state)
- Ambitious in terms of commitment to become a change agent

OCTOBER

- Carefully read ALL links on Truman website.
- Contact Judy Zang immediately to schedule minimum of two appointments before December campus deadline.
- Attend a Truman info session in late October (watch calendar for dates/times).
- Complete sample application, begin research and rough draft of policy proposal.
- Find faculty mentor with expertise in area of your policy topic. Meet with faculty mentor for initial discussion; make additional appointment for later in November to go over your policy draft.
- Get a commitment from 3 recommendation writers. They must be able to write in the one of the three capacities: leadership, service, academics.
- Prepare recommendation packets (read and follow instructions for packets on scholarships website - <http://scholarships.honorscollege.pitt.edu/recommendationletters.html>). THERE ARE THREE FORMS for three different recommendation capacities, print from Truman website. Include them in the packet.

NOVEMBER

- Continue to work on application. Seek advice from writing center and a faculty member/advisor.
- Give 3 recommendation writers SOLID draft of your application BEFORE THEY COMPLETE THEIR LETTERS.

DECEMBER 3 - FIRST CAMPUS DEADLINE

Complete application due, including 3 LOR, policy proposal, all transcripts.

DECEMBER 10

- Announcement Pitt 4 nominees for 2013 Truman Scholarship.
- Campus selection committee gives feedback to nominees, nominees continue to work on applications.

JANUARY 21 - FINAL CAMPUS DEADLINE

Submit final applications.