**Office of National and International Scholarships, 390 Northrop,** [**natschol@umn.edu**](mailto:natschol@umn.edu)

University of Minnesota Twin Cities 2024 campus nomination process for Truman Scholarships to support post-graduate study related to public service.

Truman Scholarships are awarded to one student in each state who demonstrates the desire to create positive change, leadership potential, a commitment to public service, and the academic qualifications to succeed in a graduate program such as law, public health, public policy, or government. Students must be nominated by the University of Minnesota, which will begin assessing applications from second-year students on April 2. The four students selected for nomination will work with ONIS to develop competitive applications for submission to the Truman Foundation in early February 2025. Interested students should contact ONIS at [natschol@umn.edu](mailto:natschol@umn.edu) for more information.

Applications for nomination must be received by the end of the day on April 1, 2024 and include the following:

* A preliminary application form (attached)
* Unofficial transcripts of all college work
* A comprehensive cv
* Three letters of recommendation that, taken together, assess the candidate’s academic accomplishments, leadership experience, and commitment to public service. At least one of these should be from a faculty member at the University of Minnesota.
* A personal statement of 1000 words describing the applicant’s personal, professional, and academic development, including an account of past and present experience and future goals and plans that relate to the criteria of the scholarship.

Applications will be read and discussed by the members of the Truman Nominating Committee and selected candidates will be invited to interview with the committee in mid to late April. Nominations will be announced by early May and ONIS will work with these students to prepare competitive applications for submission by the national deadline. These applications will require additional writing and letters of recommendation and may lead to additional interviews.

Students interested in applying should contact ONIS and make an appointment to discuss their interest and discuss strategy for producing an effective application.

# Preliminary Application Form for UMTC Truman Scholarship Nomination

# Submission deadline: April 1, 2024

(Please type or print clearly)

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**Crs completed to date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation term & yr \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Plans for graduate education\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

This preliminary application includes one set of the following materials (submitted as email attachments to [natschol@umn.edu](mailto:natschol@umn.edu) or hand delivered in hard copy to UK Scholarships Advisory Committee, c/o University Honors Program, 390 Northrop, 84 Church Street SE, Minneapolis MN 55455).

* Preliminary Application Form
* Well-written Personal Statement (max. 1000 words) describing your academic interests and pursuits, other activities, and career aspirations. Write for a highly educated, non-specialist audience. The statement may touch on experiences and ideas that have shaped your academic interests and long-term goals. Readers will want to gain a sense of who you are, what motivates you, how you think, how you write, and what you aspire to.
* Comprehensive CV including education, honors and awards, work/internship/research experiences, volunteer and public service activities, publications and presentations (if any), and co-curricular and other activities.
* Transcripts (unofficial okay) from all colleges attended.

I have asked the following three people to submit letters of recommendation by the April 1 deadline (hard copy or via email to natschol@umn.edu ), or have included their letters, in sealed and signed envelopes, with my application.

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I waive my right to view letters of recommendation. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(applicant’s signature)

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