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§ 1801.15 Submission of application to the Foundation.

To nominate a student for the competition, the Faculty Representative must submit the completed nomination packet to the Foundation as provided in §1801.16. The Foundation does not accept nominations packets directly from students.

§ 1801.16 Closing date for receipt of nominations.

The Foundation announces in its Bulletin of Information and in the Federal Register and posts on its website (http://www.truman.gov) the date and address at which the Foundation must receive nominations. Nominations not received by this date at the address specified will not be considered.

§ 1801.17 Contents of application.

(a) The Foundation provides a form that must be used as the application.

(b) Each application must include the following:

1. A certification of nomination and eligibility signed by the Faculty Representative;
2. A completed Truman Scholarship Application signed by the nominee;
3. A policy proposal written by the nominee;
4. A current official college transcript; and
5. A letter of nomination from the Faculty Representative and three letters of recommendation.

§ 1801.18 Limitations on nominations.

A candidate nominated by an institution and not selected as a Truman Scholar may not be renominated the following year.

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§ 1801.20 Selection of Finalists.

The Foundation selects Finalists from the students who are nominated.

§ 1801.21 Evaluation criteria.

(a) The Foundation appoints a committee to select finalists from the students nominated on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Extent and quality of community service and government involvement;
2. Leadership record;
3. Academic performance and writing and analytical skills; and
4. Suitability of the nominee’s proposed program of study and its appropriateness for a leadership career in public service.

(b) The Foundation selects Finalists solely on the basis of the information required under §1801.17.

§ 1801.22 Interview of Finalists with panel.

The Foundation invites each Finalist to an interview with a regional review panel. Panels evaluate Truman Finalists primarily on:

(a) Leadership potential and communication skills;
(b) Likelihood of “making a difference” in public service; and
(c) Intellectual strength, analytical abilities, and prospects of performing well in graduate school.

§ 1801.23 Recommendation by panel.

(a) Each Panel is asked to recommend to the Board of Trustees the name of one candidate from each state in the region to be appointed as a Truman Scholar. The Foundation may authorize each regional review panel to recommend additional Scholars from the States in its region.

(b) A panel’s recommendations are based on the material required under §1801.17 and, as determined in the interview, the panel’s assessment of each Finalist in terms of criteria presented in §1801.22.

(c) In the event that a regional review panel determines that none of the Finalists from a state meets all the requirements expected of a Truman Scholar, it does not provide a recommendation. The Foundation will carry over the Scholarship for that state making two Scholarships available the following year.

§ 1801.24 Selection of Truman Scholars by the Foundation.

The Foundation names Truman Scholars after receiving recommendations from the regional review panels.