Truman Scholarship Information Session

November 4, 2020

LUC Fellowship Office
Truman Scholarships

• For current juniors to attend graduate school and go into public service, very generally defined
• Record of public or community service
• Up to $30,000 toward the graduate degree
• Leadership Week in May 2021
• 8-week Truman Summer Institute in 2021
Truman Scholarship Application

• **Sample application** available on the Truman website
• You must request to be registered in the application – send an email to Lisa Knepshield
• Full application includes:
  – Online application
  – Policy statement
  – Three letters of recommendation
  – Transcript
Truman campus process

• Four students can be nominated by LUC
• In order to nominate you, a complete application, including transcript and letters of recommendation, must be submitted to Fellowship Office no later than **Monday, January 18, 2021**
• FO will contact all candidates with nomination result
Truman campus process

• Once you are nominated, we will work with you in improving the application until the final deadline

• FO writes the required Institutional Nomination letter

• FO submits all applications at one time by February 2, 2021 deadline

• Finalists notified by end of February, then interviews -- virtual this year
Truman essay questions and policy statement

- Responses to certain questions are tied to a letter of recommendation
- Response to question 9 is the basis for your policy statement
- Policy statement is 500 words: problem, proposal, challenges
- Do not worry about political affiliation
- Fellowship Office will assist with all of these essays
Special concerns

- Make sure to follow Truman’s guidance on letters of recommendation: each has a certain focus
- Use the website’s “Advice & Guidance”,
- When the website refers to the “personal statement”, it means your responses to questions 7-9 and 11-13
- Applicant webinar: https://vimeo.com/468849818/1df2b1012
Questions?

Contact us:

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