

The [fellowships office](#) at Trinity is now accepting applications from juniors for nomination for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. The Truman Scholarship provides up to \$30,000 in funding for students who are U.S. citizens planning to go to graduate school and pursue work in public service. Students apply for and attend their graduate school of choice, have access to extensive programming and mentorship opportunities, and the ability to apply for additional matching funds. Strong applicants will have a record of leadership, community service, civic involvement, and academic achievement.

Trinity can nominate up to four candidates from the junior class. To be considered for nomination, please submit answers to the following questions as a Word document or PDF [on this form](#) by November 18, 2026. For reference, 2000 characters of single-spaced writing is about a half page, so in total, these answers should be about 2-3 pages.

- Describe one specific example of your leadership. (Maximum 2000 characters)
- Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity that you participated in. (Maximum 1700 characters)
- Describe the problem or needs of society you want to address when you enter public service. (Maximum 1500 characters)
- Describe the graduate education program you intend to pursue if you receive a Truman Scholarship. (Maximum 1700 characters)
- What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have after completing your graduate studies? (Maximum 1500 characters)

Students selected as candidates will prepare a full application to be submitted to the Truman program by February 2, 2027. These questions are a selection from the full application.

Application support

- I will be hosting a **lunch for interested students on October 29 from 12:15-1:15 pm** in McCook 305. Please indicate your interest in attending this lunch workshop [on this form](#) or by replying to this email. This will help me plan for ordering food and sending a reminder closer to the date.
- There are very helpful application tips under “Apply” then “Advice and Guidance” at www.truman.gov.
- Truman is hosting a virtual open house featuring application advice from recent scholars on **October 7 at 2:00 pm**. A Zoom link and more info can be found [here](#).
- Make a one-on-one appointment to chat about Truman or other fellowships using [my bookings page](#). I also advise for a range of other fellowships that can fund graduate school, postgraduate professional opportunities, and summer opportunities after junior year (including [Public Policy and International Affairs Program](#)).

Please be in touch with Gabby Nelson, Director of Fellowships, gnelson@trincoll.edu, with any questions!