



Truman Scholarship: Timeline

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards merit-based scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service. Scholars are required to work in public service for three of the seven years following completion of a Foundation-funded graduate degree program as a condition of receiving funding.

When to Apply: as a Junior (expecting to graduate the following academic year)

Action	Date
Attend an ODS info session on the Truman Scholarship or watch a recorded info session online.	September-October
Check your eligibility for the Truman Scholarship on their website: https://www.truman.gov/candidates/faq-candidates	Do this before beginning the application process
Work with ODS on your academic CV. Schedule an appointment with an ODS program assistant: https://calendly.com/ods-1	April-June
Send your recommenders your most current CV/resume. Follow our advice for creating an effective CV. Please also send recommenders our “ Advice for letter writers ” page, as well as Truman’s guidance for letter writers: https://www.truman.gov/guidance-letters-recommendation	July
Submit Recommender Name Submission Form for endorsement application: https://form.jotform.com/201524299115957	July
Email ods@unc.edu your CV or resume and indicate your interest in the Gaither Fellowship. An ODS Team Member will email you that year’s application prompts	Early-Mid September
Meet with ODS Program Assistant or Director to workshop application materials: https://calendly.com/ods-1	Before Endorsement deadline in mid-November
Upload your completed prompts, your CV/resume, and unofficial transcripts to this form: https://www.jotform.com/form/201523872226956	By Mid-November
Interviews with UNC selection committee.	December



UNC endorsees named.	December
Endorsees schedule a meeting to discuss revisions to application: https://calendly.com/ods-1	ASAP after nomination
Endorsees send revised application materials to ods@unc.edu . Schedule meetings to discuss revisions: https://calendly.com/ods-1	Early January
Endorsees request an official transcript once their spring semester schedule is set. Send to ods@unc.edu .	Mid-January
Final applications due	Late January
ODS submits final application for endorsees	Early February
Interview invitations from Truman sent out	Mid-February
Interviews by Region	See Truman Website
Mock interviews on campus for finalists	Prior to Interview
Final Notification	See Truman Website

Exact dates and the official endorsement deadline will be posted on our website, newsletter, and social media.

