APPLICATION ADVICE

♦ The Truman Scholarship Website (http://www.truman.gov/candidates and http://www.truman.gov/faculty-reps) contains a wealth of information and advice including samples of strong and not so strong responses to the various essay questions and policy memo.

♦ The Advice & Guidance section of the Truman website provides examples of satisfactory and unsatisfactory responses to Items 7, 8, 9, 11 & 14.

FINALIST PROFILE

Successful candidates

♦ Show sustained service to the campus community [Item 2], to the community at large [Item 3], and possibly some government involvement [Item 4]. One or more service activities should relate to the candidate's intended career.

♦ Demonstrate leadership to achieve some goal or objective [Item 7]. *The Letter of Recommendation on Leadership must confirm this experience.*

♦ Make a clear connection among responses to Items 9 - 14 and the Policy Proposal.

♦ Identify specific graduate/professional school programs and show some understanding of the proposed graduate/professional program in Item 12.

♦ Describe in Items 13 & 14 a credible career trajectory (with relevance to public service) consistent with Items 9 & 12.

♦ Provide an interesting or intriguing response to Item 15 (Personal Information) that also explains motivations for career interests not covered previously.

♦ Aspire to a position that, over time, will enable the candidate to affect policies or change programs. For example, the Truman Scholarship Finalists Selection Committee is more interested in advancing students whose long-term aspirations are to be high-level school administrators rather than just teachers OR to be public health service managers rather than solo practitioners.

CAMPUS APPLICATION DEADLINE: 7 DECEMBER 2015; LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION DUE: 9 DECEMBER 2015

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