§ 1801.4 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Academic year* means the period of time, typically 8 or 9 months in which a full-time student would normally complete two semesters, three quarters, or the equivalent.

*Foundation* means the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

*Full-time student* means a student who is carrying a sufficient number of credit hours or their equivalent to secure the degree or certificate toward which he or she is working, in no more time than the length of time normally taken at his or her institution.

*Graduate study* means the courses of study beyond the baccalaureate level which lead to an advanced degree.

*Institution* means an institution of higher education. “Institution of higher education” has the meaning given in section 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)).

*Junior* means a student who, following completion of the current academic year, has one more year of full-time course work to receive a baccalaureate degree.

*State* means each of the States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and considered as a single entity: Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (The Islands).

§ 1801.3 Students eligible for nomination.

A student is eligible to be nominated for a Truman Scholarship if he or she:

(a) Is a junior-level student pursuing a bachelor’s degree as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher education and will receive a baccalaureate degree the following academic year; or, is a full-time senior level student from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or from The Islands;

(b) Has an undergraduate field of study that permits admission to a graduate program leading to a career in public service;

(c) Ranks in the upper quarter of his or her class; and

(d) Is a U.S. citizen, a U.S. national, or a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

§ 1801.1 Annual Truman Scholarship competition.

Each year, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation carries out a nationwide competition to select students to be Truman Scholars.

§ 1801.2 Truman Scholars are selected from qualified applicants from each State.

(a) At least one Truman Scholar is selected each year from each State in which there is a resident applicant who meets minimum eligibility criteria as established by the Foundation. These minimum eligibility criteria are stated in §§ 1801.3, 1801.21 and 1801.23.

(b) As used in this part, *State* means each of the States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and considered as a single entity;