§ 1801.30 Continuation into graduate study.

(a) Only Scholars who satisfactorily complete their undergraduate education and who comply with §1801.31 shall be eligible for continued Foundation support for an approved program of graduate study.

(b) The Foundation does not conduct a competition for graduate scholarships and does not add new Truman Scholars at the graduate level.

§ 1801.31 Approval of graduate programs by the Foundation.

(a) By December 1, Scholars desiring Foundation support for graduate study the following academic year must submit a proposed program of graduate study to the Foundation for approval. The graduate program proposed for approval may differ from that proposed by the Scholar when nominated for a Truman Scholarship. Factors to be used by the Foundation in considering approval include being consistent with:

1. Field of study initially proposed in the Scholar’s Application;
2. Graduate school programs given priority in the current Bulletin of Information;
3. Undergraduate educational program and work experience of the Scholar; and
4. Preparation specifically for a career in public service.

(b) Foundation approval in writing of the Scholar’s proposal is required before financial support is granted for graduate work.

(c) Scholars must include in their submission to the Foundation a statement of interest in a career in public service that specifies in detail how their graduate program and their overall educational and work experience plans will realistically prepare them for their chosen career goal in government or elsewhere in public service.

(d) After completing his or her undergraduate studies, a Scholar each year may request in writing a deferral of support for graduate studies. Deferrals must be requested no later than June 15 for the succeeding academic year. Scholars failing to request a year’s deferral and to receive written approval from the Foundation may lose one year of funding support for each year for which they fail to request and receive deferrals. Total deferrals may not exceed four years unless an extension is granted in writing by the Foundation.

§ 1801.32 Eligible institutions and degree programs.

(a) Truman Scholars at the graduate level may use Foundation support to study at any accredited college or university in the United States or abroad that offers graduate study appropriate and relevant to their public service career goals.

(b) They may enroll in any relevant graduate program for a career in public service.

(c) Foundation support for graduate study is restricted to three years of full-time study.

§ 1801.40 Travel expenses of finalists.

The Foundation will provide partial funding for intercity round-trip transportation from the finalist’s nominating institution to the interview site. The Foundation does not reimburse finalists for lodging, meals, local transportation, or other expenses. The Foundation announces the terms and conditions of support on its website (http://www.truman.gov) and in the Bulletin of Information.

§ 1801.41 Scholarship stipends.

The Scholarship stipend may be used only for eligible expenses in the following categories: tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Payments from the Foundation may be received to supplement, but not to duplicate, benefits received by the Scholar from the educational institution or from other foundations or organizations. The designated benefits received from all sources combined may not exceed the costs of tuition, fees, books, and room and board as determined by the Foundation. The Foundation’s Bulletin of Information, current at the time of the Scholar’s selection, contains additional information about the terms and conditions of scholarship support.