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§ 1801.15 Submission of application to the Foundation.

To nominate a student for the competition, the Faculty Representative must submit the completed nomination packet to the Foundation as provided in § 1801.16. The Foundation does not accept nominations packets directly from students.

§ 1801.16 Closing date for receipt of nominations.

The Foundation announces in its Bulletin of Information and in the Federal Register and posts on its website (http://www.truman.gov) the date and address at which the Foundation must receive nominations. Nominations not received by this date at the address specified will not be considered.

§ 1801.17 Contents of application.

(a) The Foundation provides a form that must be used as the application.

(b) Each application must include the following:

(1) A certification of nomination and eligibility signed by the Faculty Representative;

(2) A completed Truman Scholarship Application signed by the nominee;

(3) A policy proposal written by the nominee;

(4) A current official college transcript; and

(5) A letter of nomination from the Faculty Representative and three letters of recommendation.

§ 1801.18 Limitations on nominations.

A candidate nominated by an institution and not selected as a Truman Scholar may not be renominated the following year.

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§ 1801.20 Selection of Finalists.

The Foundation selects Finalists from the students who are nominated.

§ 1801.21 Evaluation criteria.

(a) The Foundation appoints a committee to select finalists from the students nominated on the basis of the following criteria:

(b) Leadership record;

(c) Academic performance and writing and analytical skills; and

(d) Suitability of the nominee’s proposed program of study and its appropriateness for a leadership career in public service.

(b) The Foundation selects Finalists solely on the basis of the information required under § 1801.17.

§ 1801.22 Interview of Finalists with panel.

The Foundation invites each Finalist to an interview with a regional review panel. Panels evaluate Truman Finalists primarily on:

(a) Leadership potential and communication skills;

(b) Likelihood of “making a difference” in public service; and

(c) Intellectual strength, analytical abilities, and prospects of performing well in graduate school.

§ 1801.23 Recommendation by panel.

(a) Each Panel is asked to recommend to the Board of Trustees the name of one candidate from each state in the region to be appointed as a Truman Scholar. The Foundation may authorize each regional review panel to recommend additional Scholars from the States in its region.

(b) A panel's recommendations are based on the material required under § 1801.17 and, as determined in the interview, the panel’s assessment of each Finalist in terms of criteria presented in § 1801.22.

(c) In the event that a regional review panel determines that none of the Finalists from a state meets all the requirements expected of a Truman Scholar, it does not provide a recommendation. The Foundation will carry over the Scholarship for that state making two Scholarships available the following year.

§ 1801.24 Selection of Truman Scholars by the Foundation.

The Foundation names Truman Scholars after receiving recommendations from the regional review panels.