



Truman Scholarship Pre-Application

All materials (detailed below) are due in the Honors College office (024 Founders Hall) or by email to Tiffany Menard, tmenard@bgsu.edu by 5:00 pm on Friday October 13th. Please feel free to attach the policy proposal as a separate word document.

You will be contacted by email regarding your nomination status. In addition to this packet, please also submit:

- A copy of your **official** university transcript(s)
- A copy of your current resume

Name _____ Student ID# _____

Email _____@bgsu.edu Telephone () _____

Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Number of college credits earned to date _____

Expected graduation date (month and year) _____

Graduate degree(s) sought _____

Graduate schools/Programs of interest _____

Recommendation writers (name and title of the individuals you plan to ask to write each of the following letters)

Academics _____

Service _____

Leadership _____

Activities: List college and high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.). List in descending order of significance. Please list no more than eight college activities and four high school activities

Please answer the following questions and develop a policy proposal (policy proposal details are on pg 5).

1.) Describe one specific example of your leadership. How did you get involved in this leadership? Why was this leadership role important to you? In what ways does this leadership role connect to your public service aspirations and how has it helped to prepare you for your career? (The writer of your letter of recommendation re: Leadership Abilities and Potential must confirm this experience.)

2.) Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity. Do not repeat experience described in question above. Why was this activity satisfying and why did you choose to be involved? What role did you play? How does this service activity connect to/prepare you for your career plans? (The writer of your letter of recommendation re: Public Service must confirm this experience.)

3.) Describe the problem or needs of society you want to address when you enter public service. If possible, use statistical data to define the magnitude of the problem.

4.) What are the three most significant courses you have taken in preparation for your career? Why are these the most significant?

5.) What are your career goals and aspirations? What position(s) do you hope to attain? How will you use your career to effect change? Why this role/path? How do you envision yourself creating change and serving the public?

6.) Describe the graduate education program you intend to pursue. Why this program and this institution? How will this program prepare you for your career goals?

7.) Policy Proposal - The proposal must be related to the problem(s) you identified in the item above. Do not exceed 500 words. You need to identify the office and person to whom you are writing.

Please use the following format for the policy proposal.

POLICY PROPOSAL The proposal must relate to the problem [s] you identified in Item 3. Do not exceed 500 words.	
To:	Office Held:
Issue:	
Problem Statement	
Proposed Solution	
Major Obstacles/Implementation Challenges	
Signature:	Date:

References, Footnotes and Exhibits

By signing and submitting this application, I confirm that I am a current BGSU student with Junior standing and have one more year of classes to complete at BGSU after the current academic year. *All applicants to the Truman Scholarship must be a college Junior.

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____