

2026 Truman Scholarship Internal Application

The Truman Scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to a public service career. The Center for Research and Fellowships and the Villanova Truman Scholarship Committee will evaluate the candidate based on a completed application.

Candidates for one of Villanova's four Truman Scholarship nominations should submit their completed internal application at [this link](#) by 11:59 PM on **Sunday, October 25, 2026**. Shortlisted candidates may be asked to conduct an interview via Zoom in November. Submitting an internal application does not guarantee university endorsement.

A complete application consists of the following:

1. This application form
2. Your resume
3. Your transcript (a copy of your unofficial transcript is sufficient)

Please combine application items 1-3 into a **single PDF document** (titled "Last Name, First Name Truman Scholarship Application").

Submit the application at [this link](#) by 11:59 PM on **Sunday, October 25, 2026**

Do not start an application on the Truman application site.

For questions about the scholarship or preparing your application, please contact Ariel Mond, Assistant Director of Graduate Programs & Fellowships, at ariel.mond@villanova.edu.

Name:

Email:

College:

Year of Graduation:

Major(s):

Minor/Concentration:

Local Address:

Permanent Address:

Primary Phone:

GPA:

(Highlight or bold answer): Are you a transfer student? Yes | No

1. Describe one specific example of your leadership (<500 words). What kind of specific change did you implement? How did you leave that organization better than you found it?
2. Describe a recent and particularly satisfying public service activity (do not repeat the experience described in 1). (<400 words)
3. Describe the problem or need of society you want to address when you enter public service. If possible, use statistical data to define the magnitude of the problem. (<400 words)
4. What policy recommendation would you make to address the issue that you identified in question 3? Describe the problem, discuss how your policy proposal would address the issue, and discuss potential challenges to implementation of your proposal. You may include an additional Works Cited page. (<500 words)

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5. Describe the graduate education program you intend to pursue if you receive a Truman Scholarship. Please list specific institutions, courses of study, and faculty members that you intend to work with. (<500 words)
6. What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have immediately after completing your graduate studies? What position do you hope to have five to seven years after graduate school? (<500 words)
7. What additional personal information do you wish to share with the committee? This might describe some aspect about your life, background, experience or interests that is not represented elsewhere in the application. (<300 words)