SCHOLAR’S AWARD APPLICATION  

Grants of $30,000 are made to post-doctoral scholars engaged in work on some aspect of the life and career of Harry S. Truman or of the public and foreign policy issues which were prominent during the Truman years. The award is intended to free a scholar from teaching or other employment for a substantial period of time. The awarding of the Scholar’s Award is contingent upon the receipt of underwriting support and of strong proposals from applicants. If, in the opinion of the Institute’s Committee on Research, Scholarship and Education, the quality of available applications does not justify the making of an award in any given year, none will be made. When possible, the Institute intends to award a Scholar’s Award every other year, in even-numbered years. The Scholar’s Award will be payable in two $15,000 installments, July and January.

Eligibility: An applicant’s work should be based in part on extensive research at the Truman Library and be intended to result in the publication of a book-length manuscript. An individual may receive a Scholar’s Award only once.

Deadlines: Applicants should submit a proposal by December 15 of odd-numbered years. This proposal should describe work already done on a project and work which remains to be done, and should include a bibliography. The Committee will advise applicants in writing of the outcome of their preliminary screening no later than February 15. Applicants selected to continue in the second phase of the awarding process will be contacted by February 15 and asked to submit (1) a description of Truman Library materials that an applicant has already examined and those that he or she intends to examine; (2) a projected timeline for completion of the project; and (3) an estimate of the applicant’s income during the year in which the award will be given. Applicants will be notified of the Committee’s final decision in writing by March 31.

Please Type or Print

Last Name: ___________________________  First Name: ___________________________  M.I.: __________

Social Security Number: ___________________________  Date of Birth: ___________________________

Applicant’s Citizenship (please check):  ___ United States  ___ Other: ___________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________

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Contact Phone: ______________________  Email: ________________________________

Employment – Current Position or Occupation: _________________________________

Institutional Affiliation, if any: ________________________________________________

Highest degree held:

Institution  Degree  Date Awarded

_____________________________________________________________________________

Project Title:  


Please include the following as attachments:

- Curriculum vitae
- Project description, not to exceed six double-spaced pages in length with 12-point font, which explains the project’s significance within the larger historiographical context
- A one-page bibliography
- Two letters of reference from persons familiar with the applicant’s scholarly work; references should be sent directly to the Grants Administrator before the December 15th deadline. Letters will be accepted via e-mail if sent directly to the Grants Administrator from referring individuals

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Acceptance of the award constitutes a commitment to: (1) Provide the Institute with a copy of the book and/or other published work written or substantially prepared during the grant period; 2) A statement of about 1,500 words which describes the awardee’s thesis and its place in the historiography of the Truman era, and the contribution toward its development made by research conducted at the Truman Library. The awardee would give the Institute the right to publish the statement if it chooses to do so.

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________

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