TRUMAN/GOLDWATER/UDALL APPLICATION TIMETABLE – 2011-2012

April-June  Review the current information from the Foundations’ websites: Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation website (www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/MKUScholarship/MKUScholarship.aspx), Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation website (www.truman.gov), Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship website (www.act.org/goldwater). New information and application forms for 2011-2012 competitions will be updated in late summer/early fall. Download the updated applications when they are available. Some of the websites have sample application forms available for download to aid your preparation.

Make initial contacts with your letter of reference writers. The various applications require 3 letters of recommendation. Acquire summer contact information for those who will write letters on your behalf.

Begin work on a personal statement, answering the application questions, essays/proposals, and a list of activities and honors. The various applications have different writing requirements so be sure to check what is required.

July-October  Send draft of personal statement, academic plan, and list of activities and honors to referees. All letters of reference should be sent to the MSU Scholarship Committee (via e-mail to nifs@msu.edu and in hard copy to the NIFS Office, Honors College, Eustace Cole Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824) by no later than October 10. Make sure that all referees understand that their letters will first be reviewed by the MSU Committee, and then will need to be resent and RECEIVED by the appropriate national scholarship committee by the October National Deadline. The Honors College cannot forward letters to the national committees.

Mon. Oct. 10  Goldwater, Truman, and Udall application drafts due to the Honors College. Revise and edit based on comments received.

Thurs. Nov. 10  Truman campus deadline. Application materials due to the Honors College.

Goldwater campus deadline. Application materials due to the Honors College.

Fri. Dec. 2  Goldwater Committee reviews applications and selects endorsed candidates. Endorsed candidates will be notified by email by Thursday, December 8.

Carnegie Jr. Fellows selection committee reviews applications.
Dec. 5-6  
Truman Committee conducts campus interviews and reviews applications. Endorsed candidates will be notified by email by Thursday, December 8.

Dec. 12-14  
Goldwater and Truman feedback sessions for endorsed candidates.

Tues. Jan. 3  
Udall campus deadline. Application materials due to the Honors College.

Wed. Jan. 18  
Truman Final Application materials due to the Honors College.

Udall Committee reviews applications and selects endorsed candidates. Endorsed candidates will be notified by email by Thursday, January 19.

Thurs. Jan. 19  
Goldwater Final Application materials due to the Honors College.

Late January  
Udall nominee feedback sessions.

Tues. Jan. 31  
Goldwater National Deadline. All applications, endorsement, letters of recommendation and official transcripts are released by the MSU Goldwater representative to the national Goldwater competition.

February  
Goldwater finalists selected.

Tues. Feb. 7  
Truman National Deadline. All applications, endorsement, letters of recommendation and official transcripts are released by the MSU Truman representative to the national Truman competition. Finalists announced on Wednesday, February 22.

Mon. Feb. 20  
Udall Final Application materials due to the Honors College.

March 4-25  

Mon. Mar. 5  
Udall National Deadline. All applications, endorsement, letters of recommendation and official transcripts are released by the MSU Udall representative to the national Udall competition.

Mid-Late March  
Goldwater scholars and honorable mentions selected and nominees notified of their final status.

Sat. Mar. 31  
Truman scholars announced on the Foundation’s website.

April  
Udall nominees notified of final status.

April 2  
Udall scholars announced on the Foundation’s website.