

Malia Harrell

Research Intern

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EDUCATION

International Relations (Bachelor of Science)

May '27

Middle Tennessee State University

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

- Current GPA on a 4.0 scale: 3.92 (cumulative)
- Minor in Mandarin Chinese with the intention of studying abroad in Hangzhou, China, in Summer 2026
- Minor in University Honors with the intention of completing an Honors research thesis senior year

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean's List Recipient

Aug '24 - Dec '25

Middle Tennessee State University

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

- Displayed time management skills by maintaining a minimum of a 3.5+ GPA with a 12 credit hour workload while working 25-30 hours a week
- Presented to eligible students each semester who maintain the above criteria

Buchanan Fellowship

Aug '24 - May '27

Middle Tennessee State University

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

- Studied during high school to attain a minimum 3.5+ GPA (graduated with a 4.0) and a score of 30+ on the ACT (highest score of 34)
- Earned a spot in a 20-student cohort by maintaining high grades, participating in extracurriculars, and submitting a resume and an essay

Tennessee HOPE Scholarship

Aug '24 - May '27

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC)

- Acquired by maintaining a minimum 3.0+ GPA in high school and a minimum score of 21+ on the ACT
- Upheld the TSAC standards regarding college GPA progress and academic coursework

The Washington Center Internship

Jan '26 - May '26

The Washington Center (TWC)

Washington D.C.

- Maintained a minimum 2.75+ GPA as a college sophomore while working 25-30 hours a week
- Submitted university transcripts, resumes, and writing samples to prove ability to handle an internship

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

COMM 2200: Audience-Centered Communication

Aug '24 - Dec '24

- Developed and presented three solo speeches to peers over a chosen research topic
- Collaborated with classmates for a group speech and presentation over the course of 3 months for a final evaluation

PS 3001: Research Methods in Political Science

Jan '24 - May '24

- Further developed existing research skills using scholarly sources from databases such as JSTOR and Google Scholar
- Proposed, wrote, and revised a Research Proposal over a topic of student's choice

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Intern

Jan '26 - Present

50 State, LLC

Washington, DC

- Researched relevant state news and governor press releases according to client needs
- Attended and assisted with company-sponsored events, including the Women's Government Relations 2026 Honoree event
- Collaborated with fellow interns and supervisors to write newsletters and legislative session reviews

Server

May '23 - Dec '25

Hickory Falls Restaurant

Smyrna, TN

- Sustained sales at an average of \$1000 per shift, averaging around \$4000 a week
- Cross-trained in Host, Server's Assistant, To-Go, Food Runner, and Server positions within a year of hire
- Collaborated with coworkers to execute quick, efficient, guest-centered dining services
- Deescalated conflicts with customers respectfully and quickly to ensure guest satisfaction
- Developed multi-tasking skills by balancing 4-5 tables at once, side work, and bringing food out to guests

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Languages | English (Native Proficiency), Mandarin Chinese (Limited Working Proficiency), French (Basic Proficiency)

Certifications | AimToServe Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) License, August 2024 (Expires August 2029)

Technology | Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, Zoom, Canva

