

Malia Harrell

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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, completed a study abroad trip from May-June 2026 in Hangzhou, China. • Minor in University Honors, completing an Honors Research Thesis from Fall 2026-Spring 2027	

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	
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 demonstrate 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 – May '26'
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 and a fundraising event for a Tennessee gubernatorial candidate • 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 4-6 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

