



GOLDWATER

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OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

WCU Representative: Dr. Ingrid Bego (ibego@wcu.edu)

Scholarship of up to \$7,500 a year for WCU undergraduate STEM students

The Goldwater Scholarship, honoring former soldier and senator Barry Goldwater, is available for sophomore and junior students planning to pursue a research career in natural science, engineering or mathematics. With the goal of encouraging prominent students to continue their studies in their respective fields, the Goldwater Scholarship is the most distinguished undergraduate scholarship in these fields. Students who win the award will receive up to \$7,500 in their junior and/or senior year, depending on when they receive the award.

The Online Application for the Goldwater Award opens on the first Tuesday of September each year. The deadline is the last Friday in January. Winners of the award are announced on the last Friday in March.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited 2- or 4-year institution of higher education during the year of application.

Applicants must intend to pursue a research career in Chemistry, Computer Science and Engineering, Engineering, Geosciences, Life Sciences, Materials Research, Mathematical

Sciences, Medicine, Physics and Astronomy, or Psychology.

Applicants must have a cumulative college grade point average of at least a 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Applicants must be citizens from one of the 50 U.S. states or the District of Columbia, a U.S. national, or a permanent resident.

HOW TO APPLY

Application materials include a Student Questionnaire, Research Essay, three Letters of Recommendation, Transcript(s), Institutional Nomination Form, and when applicable, a copy of the student's Permanent Resident Card and Letter of Intent to become a U.S. Citizen.

To be considered for a nomination for a Goldwater Scholarship by your academic institution, you must first complete and submit a short Student Profile (Name, email address, telephone number, etc.) and Pre-application (Year in school, major, GPA, brief career interest statement, highest degree anticipated, and potential recommendation letter writers) that will help your campus' Goldwater Representative make an initial determination of the strength of your application. You should expect to hear from your Goldwater Campus Representative within a week, after submitting your pre-application and profile. If you do not hear from them, contact them via the email or phone provided in the Campus Representative Locator.

Questions? Phone 507-931-8335 or email goldwater@scholarshipamerica.org

FOR RECCOMENDERS

Important Tips:

The application process is extensive and involves a research paper. Applicants must complete undergraduate research in an appropriate field before applying.

Applicants must complete a pre-application and submit it to the scholarship representative (at WCU, Dr. Ingrid Bego (ibego@wcu.edu)), and then be nominated by her to apply.

- Applicants must be dedicated to pursuing a research-concentrated career. If you intend to get a medical degree of any kind, you must stress that you intend to complete medical research.

