Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

Guidelines for UCSB Applicants

Campus Application Deadline is January 12, 2016

The purpose of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation is to provide a source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers. The Trustees intend to award up to 300 Goldwater Scholarships. Each scholarship covers eligible expenses for tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of $7,500 annually. Students must be nominated by their colleges or universities for the Goldwater Scholarship.

Students should send an email to the Scholarships Coordinator at scholarships@ltsc.ucsb.edu, indicating their interest in the Goldwater Scholarship. The Scholarship Coordinator in the College of Letters and Science works with closely with UCSB undergraduates, regardless of their colleges, who apply for the Goldwater or other major scholarships, and it is important that students consult with the coordinator well before the application deadline.

Conditions of Eligibility:
- Be a full-time matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education during the 2015-2016 academic year. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning September 2016. Sophomore nominees can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support. Students in two-year colleges who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program at another institution may be nominated. "Junior" is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning September 2016. Junior nominees can expect to receive a maximum of one year of support.
- Have a college grade-point average of at least "B" (or the equivalent) and be in the upper fourth of his or her class. Please note that only students with exemplary academic records (GPA > 3.8) and substantive evidence of aptitude for their desired graduate programs will be competitive.
- Be a United States citizen, a resident alien, or, in the case of nominees from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, a United States national. Nominations from resident aliens must include a letter of the nominee’s intent to obtain U.S. citizenship and a photocopy of the Alien Registration Card.

Application Procedures:
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Online application and application guidelines are available at: www.act.org/goldwater.
Please adhere to the directions outlined in the “Candidacy Information and Instructions” (www.act.org/goldwater/yybull.html),
submitting the following for campus review:

- Completion of the online application, including the personal essay and the submission of all letters of recommendation. Do not forget to hit the “Submit” button.
- All letters of recommendation must be submitted on-line by your recommenders by the campus deadline of January 12, 2016. Please inform the writers of this deadline.
- A carefully thought out, well-researched research essay—see the Goldwater website for details. The essay may be emailed as a Word document or as a PDF to scholarships@ltsc.ucsb.edu or may be brought or sent to the address below. The essay guidelines as specified in the Goldwater “Applicant Information and Instructions” must be followed to the letter!
- If the nominee is not a citizen and has permanent resident status, a copy of the nominee’s Permanent Resident Card and a letter of intent to become a U.S. citizen should be sent or delivered to the address below.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have ever attended, including UCSB. Please request them early so they are received before the campus deadline. The transcripts should be sent directly to

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