Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

Institutionally Nominated

Scholarship Description

The Goldwater scholarship, established by the U.S. Congress in 1986, supports promising undergraduates (juniors or seniors) in engineering, mathematics, or the natural sciences (STEM fields). Students apply for the Goldwater in either their sophomore* or junior years. The scholarship supports students’ college expenses up to $7500.

*sophomores are defined as having two more years of undergraduate study after the current year.

Eligibility

Students must be:

- US Citizens (US nationals or resident aliens), in the upper quarter of their class, minimum GPA of 3.9, majoring in engineering, mathematics, or the natural sciences, and planning to pursue an advanced degree (not just a masters) with career plans focused on research. Students must have had significant research experience when they apply.

Campus Deadline

November 1. UNL can nominate up to 4 candidates per year.

Deadline

Late January / early February

Application

- Application form
- All college transcripts
- Three letters of reference
- Four short essay questions
- 2-page double column essay focusing on undergraduate research (journal format)
- Must be working with a faculty member on research who can oversee the final 2-page essay

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Note: Students should make an appointment to speak with Dr. Damuth about the scholarship before November 1st.