Goldwater Scholarship

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Website: Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program

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Internal Deadline: November 15 annually

Award Description:

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was authorized by the United States Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years of service in the U.S. Senate, and to foster and encourage excellence in science and mathematics.

Each scholarship covers eligible expenses for undergraduate tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of $7,500 annually. Scholarship monies not used during one academic year are not transferable to the succeeding academic year. Junior-level scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of two years (4 semesters) of scholarship support, and senior-level scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of one year (2 semesters) of scholarship support. Scholars may opt to study abroad, but their Goldwater funding will be based on their U.S. institution's budget.

Internal Application Instructions:

The Goldwater scholarship requires institutional nomination. Applications made directly to the awarding body will not be considered. Students interested in applying to be among Temple University's institutional nominees must first submit the Goldwater Pre-Application form on the Goldwater website. Once reviewed, you will be given access to the Goldwater online application. Please submit the two page form below and a draft application of the Goldwater scholarship application, including the required essay, by November 15. These items should be emailed to Barbara Gorka at barbara.gorka@temple.edu. Applicants must also request three letters of recommendation to be either emailed to Barbara Gorka at barbara.gorka@temple.edu, or sent in hard copy to Suite 201, Tuttleman Learning Center by November 15.
Goldwater Scholarship Application for Nomination

PART I: Personal Information

Date: _______________    Name: _____________________________________  TU ID: ___________________________

Date of graduation: ____________________   Cell #: ____________________

Citizenship (please circle):       American citizen       Permanent resident       Visa holder

Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Major(s) and Minor(s): ___________________________________________________________________     Current GPA: _________

PART II: Recommenders – Please provide the names, departments, and email addresses of recommenders below.

Three letters of recommendation are required to apply for nomination. Writers MUST provide letters of support to Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) as email attachments or in hard copy to Suite 201 Tuttleman Learning Center by November 15. As outlined on the Goldwater website, “The recommendations should be from a faculty member who can discuss the student’s potential for a research career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering; a faculty member in the student’s field of study; and another individual/faculty member who can attest to the student’s potential. The best recommendations are those that come from faculty in the student’s field of study or from individuals who have supervised their work in a research facility.” Please be sure to discuss the scholarship and its criteria with your recommenders when you request letters.

1) _______________________________________________________________________________________

2) _______________________________________________________________________________________

3) _______________________________________________________________________________________

PART III: Goldwater Scholarship Application Form

See Goldwater Application to begin the application process. Once complete, save as a pdf and submit to Barbara Gorka.

PART IV: Essay (per the Goldwater Scholarship instructions)

Essay – Your essay may be single or double spaced and use 12 point or larger Arial or Times New Roman font. Margins should be 1 inch on all sides. Page length should not exceed 3 pages. Your essay must include your name and the name of your academic institution at the top of each page. Save your Research Essay as a PDF file.

Your essay should discuss a significant issue or problem in your field of study that is of particular interest to you. The strongest Research Essays are based on a prior research project. Your essay should include a description of the issue or problem, a discussion of the research methodology, and discussion of your findings. When writing an essay on a past research experience, it is important that you clearly state what YOUR specific contributions to the project were and indicate what specific skills/expertise you developed. To demonstrate that you “think like a scientist,” you might, as an example, describe future work your data suggests or work that still needs to be done to complete the current project.

Assume that your reader is knowledgeable in mathematics, science, and engineering, and will have the expertise to read, review, and understand the complexities of your field of specialty.

Include a bibliography, references, or illustrations, when appropriate, as part of the essay, which will be included in your three pages.

Additional: If you attended a postsecondary institution prior to Temple, please provide a photocopied or unofficial transcript.
PART V: Waiver

I, ____________________________________________, do hereby consent to the following initialed items in pursuit of the
______________________________________________ (Scholarship/Award Name).

________ (Required) As required under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I hereby grant permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic progress and standing, including my grade point average (GPA), individual course grades, individual assignment grades, and/or other similar academic information and information submitted as part of the application for this award, to members of the internal nominating committee, which will consist of employees of Temple University.

________ (Required) I grant permission to officials of my institution to contact recommenders listed in this application to solicit feedback on my academic progress and standing.

________ (Required) I grant permission to the Associate Dean of Students at Temple University to release information to the nominating committee from official records pertaining to academic honesty and conduct offense violations, and to provide contextual information as to the severity of these offenses. This information may be given in either verbal or written form.

________ (Required) I grant permission to the nominating committee to review publicly available on-line information and images pertaining to my person as part of the selection process.

________ (Required) I certify that all of the information I include in my application for this award, including listings of activities and awards, research undertaken or planned, and personal statements or other essays, is my own work and is accurate and honest to the best of my knowledge.

________ (Required) I waive any right I may have to view faculty and institutional letters of recommendation that are written for the purpose of this award competition. While copies of these letters may be provided to me by the authors, I understand that this is done as a courtesy by the author and does not affect this waiver. I understand that if I do not waive my right to view letters, my recommenders will be notified and may choose to withdraw their letters.

________ I grant permission for Temple University to use my public biographical information to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship or fellowship.

________ I consent to have copies of my scholarship essays retained indefinitely and anonymously by Fellowships Advising at Temple University and understand that they may be made available to future applicants as an example for them to review as they prepare their own applications.

______________________________________________ ___________________________________
Signature       Date