

## Downloads: “Goldwater Scholarship”

**Purpose of the Award:** The Goldwater Scholarship is intended to foster excellence in science, mathematics, and engineering by providing financial support for outstanding undergraduates pursuing academic study and research in those areas.

**Nature of the Award:** The Goldwater Scholarship, which covers costs incurred during the final one or two years of undergraduate study, provides up to \$7,500 annually for tuition, fees, books, and/or room and board. Junior-level Goldwater Scholars are eligible for up to two years of funding, while senior-level Goldwater Scholars are eligible for a maximum of one year of funding.

**Eligibility Requirements:** An applicant must be a full-time matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education during the current academic year. In addition, an applicant must have a college grade-point average of at least "B" and be in the upper quarter of his or her graduating classes, and must be a U.S. citizen, resident alien, or U.S. national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands.

**Selection Criteria:** Goldwater selection is based on two criteria: outstanding academic performance, and demonstrated commitment to a career in math, engineering, or the natural sciences.

**Application Procedures:** All Goldwater applicants are required to secure the endorsement of their respective universities. Goldwater applicants from the University of Arizona must meet both the UA deadline and the Goldwater deadline (see important dates). UA applicants must submit a completed Goldwater application, an essay, an official college transcript or transcripts, a high school transcript, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Karna Walter, the Goldwater Faculty Representative at the University of Arizona. Students who are nominated have several weeks to strengthen their applications before the Faculty Representative must submit them to the Goldwater Foundation.

**Nomination and Selection Procedures:** The University of Arizona may nominate up to four current sophomores or juniors for the Goldwater Scholarship. A committee appointed by the Goldwater Foundation evaluates all nominations and recommends the most outstanding nominees from each state. The Foundation Board of Trustees names up to 300 Goldwater Scholars out of the nominees recommended by the committee.

### **Important Dates:**

- December 1: Goldwater applications due to Dr. Karna Walter
- January 30: electronic copy of nomination materials due to Goldwater Foundation.
- February 2: hard copy of nomination materials due to Goldwater Foundation.

**Contact Information:** Potential applicants should consult [www.act.org/goldwater](http://www.act.org/goldwater) to obtain specific details related to the Goldwater Scholarship. UA students considering applying for the Goldwater should contact Dr. Karna Walter, Assistant Director of International Studies and Scholarships, at 621-6546 or [karna@u.arizona.edu](mailto:karna@u.arizona.edu). Dr. Walter is available to discuss application procedures and essay ideas.