# Application Procedures: Goldwater Scholarship

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES - Application Year 2018-19

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<td>Internal Application Submission  <strong>Goldwater Online Application:</strong> Complete and submit the online application, including uploading the final draft of your research essay.  <strong>Emory CollegeConnect Application/Consent Form:</strong> Complete and submit the brief Goldwater application located at <a href="https://collegeconnect.emory.edu/apply/">https://collegeconnect.emory.edu/apply/</a></td>
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<td>Submit Online Application, including Final Version of Research Essay Due  send to <a href="mailto:oue.nationalawards@emory.edu">oue.nationalawards@emory.edu</a> and submit typed, signed copy to 300 White Hall</td>
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**Next Steps:** The Goldwater Foundation will notify award recipients and honorable mentions by email in early spring.
NOTES

Complete Goldwater Pre-Application Form and Schedule Consultation (Step 1)

If you wish to apply for the Goldwater, go to https://scholarsapply.org/barrygoldwater/. Click the “Create an Account” link. Complete the initial contact information, then once you receive the verification email click the link and complete your basic profile and go to the “Student Overview” page. Click the button to “Begin pre-application.”

Once you have completed the pre-application, make an appointment with a NS&FP advisor to discuss your eligibility and application competitiveness.

Application (Step 2)

Once you have met with an advisor and your pre—application has been approved, log in to complete your biographic information and other responses.

Recommenders (Steps 3 and 8)

In consultation with a NS&FP advisor, determine your three letter of recommendation writers. Contact these recommenders to confirm they are willing to write letters.

Goldwater requires the following criteria in selecting your recommenders:

- Two should be from faculty members who can discuss your potential for a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. At least one of these must be a faculty member in your field of study.
- The third should be from another individual who can attest to your academic potential. If you have been involved in research, at least one of your recommendations must come from the individual who supervised your work.
- The best evaluations are those that come from faculty in your field of study or from individuals who have supervised your work in a research facility. Evaluations from faculty in non-STEM disciplines, former high school teachers, coaches, or family friends are generally of little value.

Instructions for recommenders:

- The Goldwater Foundation requires that Letters of Recommendation be no more than two pages, have one inch margins on all sides, be single spaced, use 12 point Arial font, be signed and be printed on letterhead. Please address your letter to the Goldwater Selection Committee.
- The mission of the Goldwater Foundation and its scholarship program is to help develop the nation’s next generation of researchers in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering. Your letter should discuss the nominee’s overall potential and, in particular, the nominee’s potential to become a successful research scientist, mathematician or engineer. Describe the context in which you know the student and for how long you have known the student. Do you see in this student the motivation, creative thought, stamina and ability to collaborate that are characteristics of those successfully practicing in these areas? Particularly helpful to the reviewers are your comparisons of the nominee to other students you have known and worked with who
have successfully pursued doctoral degrees and/or have previously won Goldwater Scholarships or other nationally competitive awards.

- If there are any special circumstances or challenges the student has had to face that have negatively affected the student's performance or that the student has faced and has successfully addressed and performed well in spite of these challenges, please discuss these in your letter.
- Tips for writing a Letter of Recommendation for Goldwater Scholarship nominees can be found on the Goldwater website at: https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/recommendation-tips/
- Electronic submission of letters is preferred. Please create a PDF of your letter and email as an attachment directly to Dr. Megan Friddle, Director, National Scholarships & Fellowships at mfriddl@emory.edu.
- Recommendations should be submitted no later than 4:00pm December 13, 2018.

Letters must be submitted to us electronically or in hard copy by 4pm on December 13th. If you are nominated, we will upload the letters to your application.

**Short Essay Questions (Steps 4 and 7)**

Make an appointment to discuss application strategy. Bring drafts, notes, and/or brainstorming to this appointment.

The Goldwater application consists of short essay questions and a longer research-focused essay (see Step 5), rather than a personal statement. It is important to envision these essays as a coherent whole, without repetition, in order to best present your qualifications.

Be prepared to allow time to write and receive feedback on multiple drafts. We urge you to get feedback from your recommenders and/or from mentors in your major or research field, as well as from our office, as you revise and edit your essays.

**Research Essay (Steps 5 and 7)**

The application requires a 3-page essay describing a significant issue or problem in your field of study that is of particular interest to you. Your essay may be single or double-spaced and use 12 point Arial 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.

It is vitally important that you receive advice and feedback on this essay, both from your disciplinary and/or lab advisors and from the NS&FP office.

**Transcripts (Step 6)**

Request an official electronic copy of your Emory transcript through OPUS and have it sent to Dr. Friddle at mfriddl@emory.edu.

If you have attended another college or university to take courses for credit (not including Emory sponsored study abroad), order an official hard copy of your transcript from that school. We require a transcript from other schools only if the course names and grades are NOT listed individually on your Emory transcript.
Request that these transcripts be delivered by *December 13, 2018* to:

Dr. Megan Friddle  
Office for Undergraduate Education  
White Hall, Suite 300  
301 Dowman Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30322

**Internal Application Submission, Part 1: Electronic Application (Step 9)**

*By 4:00 PM on December 13, 2018,* complete and submit the online application, including uploading the final draft of the Research Essay.

*Yes, submit. We will unsubmit the application later for revisions.*

We do not require a hard copy.

Next: Complete and submit the brief *Emory CollegeConnect Goldwater Application/Consent Form* located at [https://collegeconnect.emory.edu/apply/](https://collegeconnect.emory.edu/apply/). This allows us to share your materials with our faculty committee.

**Nomination Decision Letter (Step 10)**

Nomination decision letters will be distributed via email by Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

**Follow-up Appointment & Revisions (Step 11)**

The NS&FP office will contact you to schedule a meeting for committee feedback and revision suggestions.

**Online application submission (Step 12)**

*By noon (12:00 PM) on January 25, 2019,* you must make and upload revisions to your online application (including the research essay) and submit the application online.

**Note:** You will not be able to make changes to your application once you submit it this time. Proofread the entire application carefully.