



Harvard College  
**Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**  
2023-2024 Application for Institutional Nomination

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was authorized by the United States Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years of service in the U.S. Senate. The purpose of the Program is to help alleviate a critical current and future shortage of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers.

All candidates for scholarships are nominated by their college or university. The Foundation will not solicit or accept applications directly from candidates but will advise applicants as to the appropriate procedures.

**Eligibility:**

To be considered for nomination as a Goldwater Scholar, a student must:

- Be a full-time matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Have a college grade-point average of at least “B” (or the equivalent) and be in the upper fourth of their class.
- Be a United States citizen, a permanent resident, or, in the case of nominees from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, a United States national.

**Benefits:**

Scholarships of up to \$7,500 a year are provided to help cover costs associated with tuition, mandatory fees, books, room and board. A sophomore who receives a Goldwater Scholarship will receive up to \$7,500 in each of their junior and senior years. A junior who receives a Goldwater Scholarship will receive up to \$7,500 in their senior year.

**Selection Criteria:**

In awarding scholarships, the Foundation Board of Trustees will consider the nominee’s field of study and career objectives and the extent to which that individual has the potential to make a significant contribution to their field. Applicants are evaluated on their academic achievements, and their demonstrated commitment to a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering.

Nominees for Goldwater Scholarships must include in their online application a statement of interest in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering, detailing how their academic program and their overall educational plans will prepare them for their chosen career goal. It is expected that students selected as scholars will pursue advanced degrees.

This application is for Institutional Nomination. Nominating colleges and universities are permitted to nominate four (4) students. (up to six (6) nominees are permitted if the fifth and sixth candidates are transfer students and U.S. veteran.). College Nominees will then move forward to submit their application materials directly through the Goldwater portal by the national scholarship deadline.

\*\*\* For the purposes of the institutional nomination, the application materials should be submitted to Harvard’s general application portal CARAT by the October deadline specified below. (see instructions below.) \*\*\*\*\*

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND ORGANIZE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR YOUR APPLICATION:**

■ **OFFICIAL GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

- 1) Visit the Goldwater (GW) Scholarship official website. Follow instructions to create an account and fill out a student profile and pre-application, found on the [Goldwater Scholarship website](#). Filling out the pre-application prompts the campus representative to review your pre-application. Applicants should expect to be granted access to the full GW application within a week of submitting the pre-application. Applicants should be vigilant to check their student portal for access to the questions, periodically.
- 2) Complete the full Goldwater application. Save your answers, hit “Send to Printer” to save the completed GW application form as a PDF. Applicants do not need to lock & submit the answers through the Goldwater application portal at this stage, although hitting “Lock and Submit” at this stage does not affect the application process. At this stage, applicants are only utilizing the GW official site for the question form. Only the materials submitted to CARAT will be reviewed for the nomination round.
- 3) Upload the PDF file of your completed Goldwater application to the CARAT Goldwater app. **Again, ONLY the materials submitted on CARAT will reviewed for the institutional nomination.**

■ **CURRENT UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

Download your unofficial transcript from [my.harvard.edu](http://my.harvard.edu)

■ **RESEARCH ESSAY**

Carefully read the [essay instructions and guidance](#). The essay may discuss prior research, or may take the form of a research proposal. The research essay must have a title, along with name and institution in the header at the top of each page.

Note: (1) your essay must include your main sources and references, if you use any, and (2) your essay must be typed according to scholarship instructions (follow all formatting requirements) and may not exceed three single-spaced pages.

■ **THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Two letters should be from instructors who can discuss your potential for a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering, and at least one of these must be an instructor in your field of study. The third letter should be from someone else who can attest to your potential for a research career. If you have been involved in research, one of your three recommendations must come from someone who has supervised your work.

Letters should be addressed to “The Goldwater Scholarship Selection Committee”. For Harvard’s internal nomination competition, letters only need to be uploaded to CARAT. Should a student receive nomination, the Campus Representative (URAF) will upload the Letters of Recommendation submitted directly to the Goldwater site. **All three recommendations are due for the Harvard internal nomination competition by the deadline stated below.** Please note: The expectation of the Goldwater Scholarship program is that your letters will be confidential. \*Please read the instructions below that details how applicants may prompt recommenders to submit their recommendations through CARAT.

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**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **LOG IN TO [CARAT](#) USING YOUR HARVARD KEY** and confirm that your profile information is correct.
2. **BROWSE FOR THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AND CLICK “APPLY”**  
Fill out all required fields.
3. **REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS (via “References” tab, in CARAT application)**  
You are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to solicit recommendations at least four weeks ahead of the application deadline.

Once you have entered the name (Last, First) and contact information for your recommenders on CARAT, **you must click “Send Reference Request”** under each recommender’s entry in order for CARAT to send the notification to your recommender’s email. **“Save and Next” will NOT submit your recommendation requests.**

4. **UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS**  
All documents must be submitted concurrently, in PDF format. No supplementary materials will be accepted.
5. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION (via “Submission” tab)**  
Enter your HUID and click “Submit”. The date and time of your submission will be noted, and late applications will not be accepted.

If you or your recommenders have questions about this application or the online submission process, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at (617) 495-5095 or [fellowships@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:fellowships@fas.harvard.edu).

**■ ■ ■ DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 AT 11:59pm (ET) ■ ■ ■**