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2016 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships
Instructions for University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Applicants

Currently enrolled sophomores and juniors in any college at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities who have excellent academic records and intend to pursue a research-based career in mathematics, science, or engineering are invited to apply for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships. Detailed information about the scholarship, as well as the online application for this year’s competition, can be found at the Goldwater Scholarship website, www.goldwater.scholarsapply.org/.

Goldwater candidates must be nominated by their undergraduate institution, so your first step is to submit an application for the campus nomination process. Nomination is competitive, so it is important that all sections of the application are well-written. A committee of University of Minnesota-Twin Cities faculty will review all Goldwater applications submitted by University of Minnesota-Twin Cities students and will select up to four nominees. To be considered for nomination by the University, you must submit a complete application by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2015. Your application must include the following materials:

- A complete online application form, submitted electronically via the Goldwater Scholarship website, www.goldwater.scholarsapply.org/.
- An essay on a significant issue or problem in your field of study that is of particular interest to you (no more than two pages; see instructions on the website for details). The essay may be delivered in hard copy on plain paper with no staples to The University Honors Program, Suite 390 Northrop, or it may be sent as an email attachment to Goldwater Campus Representative Timothy Jones, natschol@umn.edu.
- Unofficial transcripts from the University of Minnesota and any other college(s) you have attended, including college courses taken while in high school. The transcripts may be delivered in hard copy to 390 Northrop, or they may be sent as an email attachment to Timothy Jones.
- Three recommendation letters. At least two recommendations must be from professors, and at least one of these must be from a professor in your major field. The third evaluation may be from a professor or a non-faculty recommender. If you have been involved in research, one recommendation must be from the person who supervised your research. After your recommenders have agreed to write letters for you, enter their names and contact information into the online application, and they will receive an email with instructions for submitting their letters via the online system. Be sure to let your recommenders know about the campus deadline. If possible, please request that they use the option of uploading a signed letter on letterhead rather than pasting text into the text box.

Nominations will be made by the end of the semester and all candidates will be notified of their status. If you are nominated by the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, the Committee is likely to suggest ways to improve your application before we forward your final application materials to the Goldwater Foundation in late January 2016.

Please contact Goldwater Campus Representative Timothy Jones (natschol@umn.edu, 612-624-5522) if you have questions or would like advice about the application process.