



2026 GOLDWATER ONLINE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Use of Artificial Intelligence

Was an AI tool used in this application?

What AI tool was used?

How was AI used to prepare your Goldwater application?

Legal Residence Information:

Citizenship

Legal Residence Address

Your U.S. Congressional House District

Career Goals/Professional Aspirations

What is the highest degree you plan to obtain?

If your answer to this question includes pursuing a medical research degree, you will be asked the following two questions:

As you are planning on attaining a M.D., M.D./Ph.D., D.O., D.O./Ph.D., D.V.M., D.V.M./Ph.D., D.M.D., or D.M.D./Ph.D., D.D.S., or D.D.S/Ph.D degree, explain why a medical (M.D., D.O., D.M.D) or veterinary (D.V.M.) degree is necessary for you to achieve your RESEARCH goals?

As you are planning on becoming a medical doctor (M.D., D.O., D.M.D, D.D.S) or veterinarian (D.V.M.), briefly describe the steps you have taken to prepare yourself for competitive admission to medical or veterinary school and for a career that involves the medical care of humans or animals.

In one or two sentences, describe your career goals and professional aspirations. This statement will be used in publications if you are selected as a scholar. (200 characters)

What are your career goals and professional aspirations? Indicate which area of mathematics, science, or engineering you are considering pursuing in your research career and specify how your current academic program and your overall educational plans will assist you in achieving you career goals and professional aspirations.

Describe an activity or experience that has been important in helping shape or reinforce your desire to pursue a research career in science, mathematics, or engineering. (1500 characters)

Optional Question) Describe an activity, experience, or life circumstance(s) that influenced your education – either positively or negatively - and how you utilized or dealt with it. (1500 characters)

Research Projects and Skills (May list up to 5. List in chronological order.)

Research Project #1

Title

Starting Month

Starting Year

Is the project ongoing?

Average Hours/Week (academic year):

Average Hours/Week (summer):

Project Mentor(s) (name, position, and institution; list up to 3):

Briefly describe how access to this research project was gained.

Description of research, including your involvement in AND contribution to the project.
(1000 characters)

Briefly describe any research skill(s) you developed while working on this project that will be important going forward in your research career. (300 characters)

Papers/Publications associated with this project (if any—include citation with your name in bold, status—published, accepted, or submitted – do not include “plan to submit” papers, and type of publication - national professional, national undergraduate research journal, campus publication, other):

Presentations associated with this project (if any—include citation, presentation type, and your role)

Mentor Recognition Information (May list up to 3)

Mentor Name

Title

(List the names of up to 3 individuals who provided you with significant mentoring. Should you be named a Scholar, these individuals will be recognized, along with you, on the Goldwater website.)

Letter Writer Information (List 3)

Name

Title

Institution

Relation of letter writer to applicant

Other Activities and Accomplishments (May list up to 5)

Activity/Accomplishment:

Organization (if applicable):

Scope of activity/accomplishment (community, national, international, college, other):

Role/involvement description (250 characters):

Leadership Position:

Length of involvement (semester/academic year/more):

Recognitions (May list up to 5)

Recognition:

Type (college, community, national, other):

Award description (250 characters):

Award year:

Research Career Interest/Direction

Major Field of Study

(Select the Major Field of Study that is closest to your intended career research interests. This may be different than your undergraduate major. The choices for major field of study include:

- Chemistry
- Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Life Sciences
- Materials Research
- Mathematical Sciences
- Medicine
- Physics and Astronomy
- Psychology

The field of the person who will review your application is determined by your choice of one of the above areas. If you select "Chemistry" from the above list, a chemist will read your application, if you select "Geosciences", a geoscientist will read your application, etc.

While your application will be read by an individual with a general background in your field, your application is unlikely to be read by someone who is a specialist in your subfield. Avoid jargon and abbreviations that may only be known to someone in your specialty area.

For those in a multidisciplinary area like biophysics and your research interests are primarily biological, you would likely prefer to have your application read by a biologist. You should select "Life Sciences" from the above list. If on the other hand you are more interested in the physics of

the research and you prefer to have a physicist read your application, you should select “Physics and Astronomy” for the above list.

Current College/University

Institution type (2-year or 4-year)

Enrollment Status (Full-time or Part-time)

Are you a transfer student?

Are you a U.S. Veteran?

Official Cumulative unweighted GPA

Does your institution report your academic standing in credit hours or credits?

How many credit hours/credits does your school require for graduation?

How many credit hours/credits will you achieve as of January 1, 2026

How many credit hours/credits do you plan to achieve for graduation?

Expected baccalaureate graduation month

Expected baccalaureate graduation year

Sophomore or Junior Status

Matriculation status at the institution you will be attending during the 2026-2027 academic year

Have you been involved in or do you plan to study abroad?

Institution and start and end dates

Please describe how your Study Abroad experience is relevant to your career aspirations

Coursework

Current Course and level (undergraduate or graduate)

Future Course inside of major and level

Future Course outside of major and level

Previous School(s) Attended

Institution

Institution type (2-year or 4-year)

Dates attended

GPA on a 4.00 scale

Transcript (if courses and grades are not reported on your current transcript)

Future Academic Plans

Is the institution you will be attending for the 2026-2027 academic year the same as your current academic institution?

If no, name of the school you will be attending

Certification and Release

I affirm that I am applying for a Barry Goldwater Scholarship. Permission is hereby given to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other requested information for consideration by the Barry Goldwater Scholarship Foundation. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties.

I affirm that I plan to pursue a research career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering as defined and discussed in this application.

I affirm that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Should I be awarded a scholarship, I agree that my name, current institution, career goals, faculty members' names, and state of legal residence may be publicly announced by the Foundation.

I also agree that my contact information (Mailing address, email address, and telephone number) may be provided to federal and state government representatives and to those scientific, mathematics, or engineering societies that are relevant to my professional career interests.

(Applies only to Goldwater applicants pursuing medical research careers and MD/PhD degrees.)

Should I be awarded a Goldwater scholarship and should UWorld provide support, I agree that my name and email address may be provided to UWorld, a test preparation company partnering with the Goldwater Scholarship Foundation to support students interested in pursuing medical research careers and in obtaining MD/PhD degrees, to receive UWorld study materials and/or financial support. I understand that UWorld may request that I provide feedback/testimonial on these materials and that I will be under no obligation to do so.

By entering my name below, I officially indicate my agreement and give my consent to the above terms and conditions of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship Foundation.