

# Goldwater Scholarship Information session

*Fellowship Office*

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# Goldwater Scholarship

- For sophomores and juniors in sciences and engineering planning a career in research
- NOT for students planning to practice medicine, nursing, clinical psychology, public health
- Up to \$7500 per year



# Campus process

- Campus deadline is January 11, 2022 :
  - online questionnaire
  - research essay
  - three letters of recommendation
  - Transcripts
- Final deadline is Friday January 29, 2022, 5:00 pm CST
- LUC can nominate up to four students



# The Application

Online application available at  
[Goldwater Scholarship website](#)

You should read ALL sections of  
“Program Essentials” and “Nomination Process”  
on the left menu of the website



# Resources

- Fellowship Office
  - We run the nomination process, including collecting your letters of recommendation and transcripts
  - We can assist with short essay responses
- At least one technical reader for the research essay
  - Your faculty advisor or PI of research lab



# Challenges

- Online application (which can be glitchy)
  - Please tell the FO about problems as they arise
  - Not a challenge, but important:  
**12-point Arial ONLY**
- Pre-application system
- Upload system for campus reps



# Nominations

- Pre-application: we will only decline those applicants who do not meet the basic eligibility requirements (3.00 GPA, correct major and career goal, US citizen etc.)
- After campus deadline (January 11), we review all applications for our four nominations
- You will be notified sometime during week of January 18 of your nomination status



# Recommendation letters

- Campus reps collect LoRs directly from faculty
- Therefore, the FO will be in touch with you to get names of potential letters-writers **before the campus deadline**
- When you speak to recommenders, make sure they use the **campus deadline (Jan 11)** as their deadline for letters, **NOT** the final deadline (Jan 29)





# 2019 stats

*An enormous change from previous years:*

- 1223 nominations
- 496 grants (41% of applications)
- No Honorable Mentions – because of partnership with DoD National Defense Education Programs



# Questions?

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