The College of Natural Sciences is currently accepting applications for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship 2017.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation will award undergraduate scholarships to outstanding students, to be known as Barry M. Goldwater Scholars, in the spring of 2017 for use during the 2017-2018 academic year. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to two groups of students -- those who will be college juniors and those who will be college seniors in the 2016-2017 academic year – who have outstanding potential and intend to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. To be considered, a student must be nominated by his or her college or university.

Each scholarship covers eligible expenses for undergraduate tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of $7,500 annually.

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 during the 2016-2017 academic year. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning September 2017. Sophomore awardees can expect to receive a maximum of two years (4 semesters) of support. "Junior" is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning September 2017. Junior awardees can expect to receive a maximum of one year (two semesters) of support.

* Have a college grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

* Be a U.S. citizen from the 50 states or the District of Columbia; U.S. national for those students nominated from Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; or permanent resident. A photocopy of the nominee’s Permanent Resident Card, also known as the Alien Registration Card or Green Card, must also be submitted.

Students who plan to study medicine are eligible for a Goldwater Scholarship only if they plan a research career rather than a career as a practicing physician with emphasis on the clinical practice of medicine and patient care.
If you are interested in applying, you must submit a preliminary application, which includes an online application and the submission of Research Essay and the Research Activities. The online application and instructions for the Research Activities and Research Essay can be found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Goldwater2016.

If you are selected as the College’s nominee, you will be required to complete the official Goldwater application. The official application consists of the official Goldwater online application, student essay, three letters of recommendation and all college transcripts.

**PRELIMINARY APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 11:59PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016.** Please note – once you have submitted the online application, you CANNOT make changes to it nor can you submit a second application. Only the first application submitted will be considered.

**RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND RESEARCH ESSAYS ARE DUE VIA EMAIL BY 11:59PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016.** Please submit both as PDF attachments to achacon@austin.utexas.edu.

**LATE AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** A complete application consists of the online portion and the emailed Research Activities and Research Essay.

If you have any questions, please contact Adrianne Chacon-Posey at achacon@austin.utexas.edu.

Please visit https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org for more information on the background of this scholarship.