The College of Natural Sciences is currently accepting preliminary applications for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship 2016.

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 2016 for use during 2016-2017. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to two groups of students -- those who will be college juniors and 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 2015-2016 academic year. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning September 2016. Sophomore nominees 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 2016. Junior nominees can expect to receive a maximum of one year (two semesters) of support.

* Have a college grade-point average of at least 3.0 and be in the upper fourth of his or her 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. Nominations from permanent residents must include a letter of the nominee's intent to obtain U.S. citizenship and a photocopy of the Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card).

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 online application, research activities and essay. The online application and instructions for the research activities and 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 ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 19, 2015. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND ESSAYS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 4:00PM ON OCTOBER 19, 2015. Please submit essays to the CNS Honors Center Front Desk in PAI 5.60. A complete preliminary application consists of the online portion and the printed research activities and essay. LATE AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please contact Melissa Taylor at melissa.taylor@cns.utexas.edu if you have any questions. Visit http://www.act.org/goldwater/ for more information on the background of this scholarship.