

2026 GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

OSU INFORMATION & INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION

OSU Institutional Deadline – **October 13, 2025**

(National deadline – January 30, 2026)

This prestigious scholarship was created by Congress to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater and to encourage excellence in the areas of **science, engineering, mathematics, and computer science**. OSU may nominate up to *four* students to compete at the national level for the Goldwater Scholarship, with two additional nominations available for US Veteran and transfer students. These materials serve as an *application for one of OSU's institutional nominations*.

Award

Up to \$7,500 for eligible expenses (tuition, fees, room/board, books)

Eligibility

- Classification: **Sophomore** or **junior**, or senior in the fourth year of a five-year bachelor's program
- 3.80 minimum cumulative GPA
- United States citizen or permanent resident
- Extensive undergraduate research experience
- Intent to pursue a **research career** in the field of mathematics, natural sciences, computer science, or engineering

To Apply

Submit the listed materials electronically to the Director of Scholar Development (jessica.sullins@okstate.edu). **Please note: It is possible to create an account and pre-application on the Goldwater Foundation website. This does not automatically qualify your application for institutional review. You must also submit the application materials listed by the deadline.** If you have any questions about the institutional application process, please contact the Director of Scholar Development.

See website for more information: goldwaterscholarship.gov

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- 1) Personal details: Name, address, phone, email, legal state of residence, expected graduation date and undergraduate degree
- 2) Resume (no more than two pages) in which you give information about your educational background, honors, awards, activities, jobs, etc. Please make separate divisions for high school and college.
- 3) List research activities associated with mathematics/natural sciences/engineering in which you have participated, including any conference presentations or publications (or those scheduled).
- 4) Describe your academic and professional goals, including specific graduate programs, research, and/or employment you plan to pursue. How is your undergraduate career at OSU preparing you to reach these goals?
- 5) Essay: In approximately 500 words, discuss a significant issue or problem in your field of study that is of particular interest to you. It is advisable to link any research interests you have proposed or completed to the topic – whether the research was individual or in collaboration with others. Assume that your reader is knowledgeable about your field. The content and style of your essay will be important to the success of your application.

Additional application components to be submitted electronically to the Director of Scholar Development:

- Two letters of recommendation from a faculty member, department head, or advisor familiar with your work and career potential. If you have been involved in research, one of your recommendations must come from the individual who supervised your work. For confidentiality purposes, please request that your recommenders email their letters directly to the address below.
- An official or unofficial college transcript.

Submit all application materials electronically to:

Jessica Sullins, Director of Scholar Development & Undergraduate Research
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Application Deadline: Monday, October 13, 2025