Applying for Campus Nomination | Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program annually recognizes the nation's most outstanding undergraduate researchers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Interested students must complete the campus nomination process and be chosen to represent the University of Iowa as an institutional nominee. The University of Iowa’s Undergraduate Fellowships Committee may nominate up to four students for the national competition each year.

Our Campus Nominees are selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Evidence of academic and intellectual achievement – UI Applicants should have at least a 3.8 GPA
- Experience conducting research at the undergraduate level
- Demonstrated vision and leadership within their chosen fields of study
- Clearly articulated plans to pursue graduate work in the STEM fields
  Prospective MD/PHD candidates are only acceptable candidates if the applicant's plans a career in research

Applying for Institutional Endorsement (or Campus Nomination)

All Applicants for Campus Nomination MUST submit the following components to the UI Undergraduate Fellowships Committee by 9 AM on Monday, November 3, 2014

- A complete Application for Campus Nomination form – All information and essays entered into the form should be formatted with single spacing, using 11-point font (San Serif Fonts like Calibri or Segoe UI are preferred).
- A DRAFT Research Proposal – Two page limit – Please format using single spacing and 11 point font
- TWO Letters of Recommendation - The UFC Nomination Committee requests that each campus applicant invite two writers to submit letters for review at this stage of the competition. Three letters of recommendation are required for Institutional Nominees, but only two are required for the campus nomination application. The nominating committee welcomes the submission of the third letter whenever possible and appropriate, but we will not penalize applicants with only two letters.

- Primary Investigator/Research Supervisor
  REQUIRED for Campus Nomination Process

- UI Faculty Perspective on Academic Ability and Intellectual Curiosity
  REQUIRED for Campus Nomination Process

- The third letter focus on either your academic or research potential – Letters from other faculty or research investigators are preferred, especially for third year candidates. Recommendations from faculty or staff outside of the STEM fields are not appropriate for the Goldwater competition.

Submitting your Application for Campus Nomination

To submit a complete Application for campus nomination, students and referees must take the steps outlined below by 9 AM on Monday, November 3, 2014

- Email PDF copies of your Application for Campus Nomination Form and Research Proposal to kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu in a SINGLE message titled “Last Name, First Name – 2015 Goldwater Scholarship Campus Application”.

- Referees are asked to submit their draft recommendations to kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu by 12 NOON on Monday, November 3, 2014. To view a formatted sample, click here.

PLEASE NOTE: If campus applicants or referees are not able to meet the established deadline, they should contact Kelly Thornburg prior to the campus deadline to request an alternate deadline. The UFC will evaluate each request individually, but reserve the right to deny a request if it will impede our ability to conduct the endorsement process in a timely way.

Questions? Contact Kelly Thornburg, the Director of Scholar Development at 319-450-9842 or at kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu