Applying for the Goldwater Scholarship

The campus deadline to apply for the Goldwater Scholarship is **December 1**. All application materials—including letters of recommendation—must be submitted to the ONSA office on this date (by 5 pm).

To begin, Visit the Goldwater website (www.act.org/goldwater) to determine your eligibility and learn about the scholarship. You must be a sophomore or junior with a very high grade point average (3.9 or 4.0 unweighted), and you should be involved in cutting edge research in your field or, in the case of mathematics, in the highest possible level of math coursework.

If you would like to begin the application process, send your resume and unofficial transcripts to Dr. Kyle Mox (kyle.mox@asu.edu). If you are deemed eligible and competitive, you will be contacted to schedule a follow-up a meeting with ONSA to discuss the application timeline, essay, and other requirements.

Next, schedule a meeting with your faculty mentor (usually your current PI) to determine a topic for your research proposal. Begin working on preliminary drafts of this proposal, integrating the guidance and feedback from your mentors.

You may submit your research proposal and the short answer essays as email attachments to Dr. Mox for review. Please send these essays as .doc attachments to an email.

Ask three people to write letters of recommendation for you. Give them a copy of the guidelines for writing such letters, which you will get from ONSA. These letters *must* be from tenure-track faculty in STEM fields (NB: they needn’t all be ASU faculty). The letter writers must have directly supervised your research or taught you in a STEM course, and they must be able to offer concrete evidence of your potential to make a significant contribution to your field in your future career. The letters should be sent to ONSA by **December 1** (they may be sent via campus mail, postal mail, or emailed to Dr. Mox at kyle.mox@asu.edu). Letters should be addressed to the ‘Goldwater Scholarship Selection Committee.’

On or before **December 1**, submit the final draft of your essay and your preliminary application to ONSA. The Goldwater campus nomination committee will meet either at the end of the fall term or the very beginning of the spring term to select ASU’s four nominees. All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email.

Nominees will be asked to schedule an appointment with Dr. Mox to incorporate committee suggestions into your application. You will make the necessary adjustments and submit the finalized application by **January 20**.

Competition results are typically announced by the end of March.