

General Application Advice for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

Please create an account at the Goldwater website (www.act.org/goldwater) and fill in the required information. All other application materials should be sent by email or in hard copy to Fred Pinnegar (fred_pinnegar@byu.edu or 350D MSRB) by **December 19, 2014**.

This includes:

- Two-page essay with your signature (11 pt. font or larger). Bibliographic references and graphics are allowed within the two pages.
- Letters of recommendation (draft sent to faculty representative separately, but not entered by recommender online until later)
- Unofficial BYU transcript (or up-to-date ABC report)
- Official copy of other college transcripts (including those attended during high school)
- Copy of Alien Registration Card and Letter of Intent to become a US citizen, if applicable
- Voluntary Survey Form (optional)

Some Tips:

- Applications that are incomplete or prepared the night before are easy to spot. Dr. Pinnegar will read and make suggestions on preliminary drafts.
- Mentored research and scholarly projects usually form a good basis for your essay. The essay should be polished and demonstrate deep knowledge and insight in whatever subject you choose to write about.
- Your answers in the Programs and Activities section of the online application are limited (Q1:1500 characters, Q2:3500 characters, Q3: 1000 characters, Q4:1000 characters, Q5: 700 characters)
- Choose your references carefully. Provide them with a copy of your scholarship application and any other information that will help them write a strong letter.
- Give your references the letter written for them (included in this packet) and enter their names and email addresses into your online application. This generates an email to them with instructions. However, please tell them to email the text of their letter directly to Fred Pinnegar (fred_pinnegar@byu.edu or 350D MSRB). After you are nominated in January, Dr. Pinnegar will tell them to enter the letters online.
- When requesting the secondary school transcript, highlight the December 19th deadline. The transcripts should be mailed directly to:

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