UM students seeking nomination for the 2015 Barry M. Goldwater scholarship must submit the preliminary application by the campus deadline: November 6, 2015. Below you will find detailed instructions on how to apply.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship is for outstanding students with excellent academic records and demonstrated interest in, and potential for careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. To be eligible, a student must be a current full-time sophomore or junior and must be pursuing a baccalaureate degree, have a B average or equivalent, stand in the upper fourth of the class, and be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or U.S. national, who will pursue a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. “Sophomore” is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study and “Senior” is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study. The scholarship award covers eligible expenses up to a maximum of $7,500 per year. For additional information on the scholarship see the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship website at https://goldwater.scholarapply.org or www.act.org/goldwater.

The University of Miami may nominate no more than four students to compete for the national scholarship. A selection will be held to identify nominees whose applications are most likely to succeed in the national competition. Students with a strong academic and research background are encouraged to apply. The Goldwater scholarship is intended for students planning careers in research (Ph.D. tracks), rather than careers as practicing medical physicians.

If you are interested in being a nominee, follow the instructions below. Make sure you read the Applicant Information and Instructions document under the “Apply Now” link before you beginning the application. You must submit the following materials to the Office of Prestigious Awards and Scholarships located in Rhodes House, Suite 37-K by Friday, November 6, 2015:

To be submitted in person or via e-mail (prestigiousawards@miami.edu) to the Prestigious Awards Office:

- A copy of your on-line Goldwater application (available at https://goldwater.scholarapply.org or www.act.org/goldwater)
- 2-page application essay (consult Application Information and Instructions Sheet for essay guidelines) – applicants are encouraged to work with a professor in their field to develop their essays.
- 3 Letters of Recommendation. (You may submit more than 3 for the campus deadline.) Do not request letters online through the Goldwater system; for the campus deadline, your recommenders should submit an original letter on departmental letterhead to the Office of Prestigious Awards and Scholarships (Campus Address: Rhodes House, Building K, Locator Code: 5321) or e-mail a scanned copy of the letter to prestigiousawards@miami.edu. Once letters are approved, you will request letters through the Goldwater system, and recommenders will upload their letters online.
- Copy of (PDF) of unofficial transcripts from CaneLink

(High school transcripts and official transcripts are not required at the preliminary application stage, but they are required if you move forward.)

Shortly after the campus deadline, the University’s nominating committee will review the application materials and decide which four individuals to nominate. By submitting the preliminary material, you are agreeing if nominated, to complete the on-line application by late January.
Please contact prestigiousawards@miami.edu or (305) 284-5384 if you have any questions about the scholarship or application process.