



Goldwater & Astronaut Scholarship Application – Complete Process

Eligibility:

- Current college sophomore or junior
- GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (Typically 3.7 or above is preferred.)
- Intent to pursue a research career in the natural sciences, engineering, or mathematics
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- [More information from the Goldwater website](#)

Interested in applying?

Email curf@ku.edu to express your interest and discuss the application process with an Office of Fellowships staff member.

View [the application guidance document provided by the Goldwater Foundation \(PDF\)](#). This shows you all application questions, character limits, etc.

Apply at the campus level (deadline: November 1st):

This award requires campus nomination, which means students complete a campus application process to be selected as a campus nominee for the national competition. KU can select up to four nominees (or five if one nominee is a transfer student). While developing your application, work with your faculty mentors, letter writers, and Office of Fellowship staff to receive feedback on your materials.

1. Request access to the Goldwater Scholarship Canvas space by emailing curf@ku.edu.
2. Create your account and complete the pre-application within the [Goldwater student portal](#). This will be approved by the Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships.
3. By November 1st, submit all application components:
 - a. Online questionnaire – in Goldwater student portal
 - b. Research essay – in Goldwater student portal ([Learn more about developing the research essay.](#))
 - c. Three letters of recommendation from STEM faculty – in the Goldwater student portal, you will list your three letter writers and their email addresses. Additionally, have them submit their letters by November 1st via the [campus letters of recommendation submission form - \(fellowships.ku.edu/LOR\)](#). Make sure to send your letter writers the [letter format requirements](#) and [letter writing guidance](#) to help them with the process.
 - d. Unofficial transcript ([Student Academic Summary](#)) – in the Goldwater student portal. If you are a transfer student, make sure your SAS includes your transfer credits. If not, also upload an unofficial transcript from other institutions.
 - e. If you are a permanent resident, upload a copy of your permanent resident card – in the Goldwater portal.

***When you apply at the campus-level, **you will be asked if you would like to be considered as a nominee for the Astronaut Scholarship as well.** If so, your information will be shared with the Astronaut Scholarship committee, and you will be considered for nomination for that award also.

If you are selected as a campus nominee:

Complete the nominee [waiver form](#) and [news release biography form](#) as soon as possible. Look for an email about getting your photo taken for the campus news release.

Revise your application materials with the help of your mentors, letter writers, and Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships staff before the national deadline which is January 31st. All revised materials will need to replace previous versions in the [Goldwater student portal](#), including:

- revised online questionnaire
- revised research essay
- updated unofficial transcript with fall grades

Also, contact your letter writers to prepare them to update their letters as needed; have them resubmit them via the [KU campus letters of recommendation form](#). The Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships will assist with this.

All nominees and Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships staff members will be notified of selection status by March 31st.