2017 GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP CAMPUS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

The purpose of the Barry M. Goldwater Foundation is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields.

Applicants must be nominated by UCLA’s Goldwater Scholarships Committee to be considered by the Goldwater Foundation. UCLA may nominate four sophomores or juniors. The December 19, 2016 deadline allows the campus committee to review applications and select nominees before the Goldwater Foundation’s January 27, 2017 deadline.

START EARLY; CAREFULLY READ the Bulletin of Information, Nomination Materials, and Applicant Information and Instructions, on the Goldwater website (www.act.org/goldwater).

To apply for a University nomination, you must submit the following:

Access the official Goldwater online application at http://www.act.org/goldwater/apply/index.html and complete the online pre-application. Please print out a copy of your pre-application and bring it to the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center. We are located at 233 Covel Commons. Along with your printed pre-application, please attach TWO letters of recommendation. Alternatively, the letters of recommendation can be emailed to Dr. Francesca Marx at fmarx@college.ucla.edu. Please also provide us with the name and affiliation of the other faculty member you will be asking for a letter of recommendation if you are selected for UCLA’s nomination. Finally, please provide an unofficial copy of your transcripts.

YOU MUST BRING A PRINTED COPY TO Dr. Francesca Marx at 233 Covel Commons by the deadline date of 6:00pm, December 19, 2016. The application consists of:

- Nominee Application—affirms the nominee’s wish to be considered for the scholarship; provides biographical information about the nominee’s background, interests, and plans; and provides a statement that describes the nominee’s intent to enter an appropriate career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering and specifies how the student’s educational plans will provide preparation for that career.

- Nominee Essay—written by the student and relates to a significant issue or problem in your field of study that is of particular interest to you. Your essay must include a description of the issue or problem, discuss an idea for research that could have significant impact on the issue or problem, describe an aspect of the research in which you would be involved, and explain the relevance of the issue or problem to you as a mathematician, scientist, or engineer. You will need to print the nominee essay and attach it to your application.

- Two letters of recommendation are required by December 19. These can be submitted with your Campus application or emailed to Dr. Francesca Marx at fmarx@college.ucla.edu. Three letters of recommendation from faculty will be required if you are a finalist to become the UCLA nominee for the Goldwater Scholarship. Cosigned letters and letters written by graduate student instructors are not recommended. Please note that if you are selected as a finalist for the UCLA Goldwater nomination, you will have a very limited window of time – about two weeks – to request the final letter of recommendation. Because of this, you might want to alert your recommenders that you might be asking them for letters, and that you will only have a short amount of time to get them. You will be notified if you are a finalist in mid-late December.

- Copies of unofficial transcripts will be accepted in order to be nominated. Finalists will need to submit official transcripts with their electronic application, including transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended. To ensure that your official transcripts arrive by the deadline
date, do not have them sent to the Scholarship Resource Center. Instead have the transcripts sent to you. If you are a transfer student, order official copies from your other school(s) as soon as possible, since it can take several weeks for those transcripts to arrive and it will help you to have them available once you find out you are a finalist.

December 19th submission checklist:

1. Copy of pre-application (including two-page essay)
2. Two letters of recommendation (hard copy or by email)
3. Names of final recommender
4. Unofficial transcripts

If you become a finalist to the UCLA nominee for the Goldwater Scholarship, in addition to the above materials, you will be required to request the additional letter of recommendation. If you are selected as the UCLA nominee for the Goldwater scholarship, in addition to the above materials, you will be required to submit official transcripts.

UCLA CAMPUS DEADLINE: December 19, 2016 at 233 Covel Commons by 6:00.