GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP (https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org)

CAMPUS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENT CAMPUS APPLICATION DEADLINE: 7 DECEMBER 2015
RECOMMENDER CAMPUS SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 9 DECEMBER 2015

CAMPUS APPLICATION MATERIALS

Before submitting your application, carefully read the Important Application Notes from National Selection Committee Readers found on our website at http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/scholarships/goldwater-scholarship/.

Submit the following materials electronically using our External Scholarships “Submit Materials” tab: http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/submit-materials/:

1. A copy of the “in house” Application Form found on our website OR a copy of the official application form found on the Goldwater website at: https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org
   o If you use the official application form DO NOT
     ▪ Submit the form until we give you the go ahead to do so. Simply save it to yourself and send us a copy of the saved document. We ask that you provide us with the PDF version of the official application because we are unable to access your application from the Goldwater website at this time.
     ▪ Submit the names of your recommenders on the form at this time! This is important because once the recommendations are uploaded/submitted online, they cannot be edited by your recommender. Your application will change over time so the recommendations need to be totally in sync with your final version – the version that gets officially submitted if you are nominated by the campus selection committee.

2. A 2 page research essay. Font size may not be smaller than 12 characters per inch or 11 point.
   o Your essay should discuss a significant issue or problem in your field of study that is of particular interest to you.
   o It must (a) include a description of the issue or problem, (b) discuss an idea for research that could have significant impact on the issue or problem, (c) describe an aspect of the research in which you would be involved, and (d) explain the relevance of the issue or problem to you as a mathematician, scientist, or engineer.
   o The content and style of your essay will be important to the success of your scholarship application.
   o Assume that your reader is knowledgeable about the topic/field of study and will have the expertise to read, review and understand the complexities of your field and the topic at hand.
   o If your essay involves research in which you are/were involved, you must indicate if you are/were the sole researcher or if you collaborated with another individual or individuals.
   o Your 2-page essay should include a bibliography/references and, where appropriate, illustrations.
3. A detailed CV/résumé that may be more than a page in length.
   o This document should include academic and non-academic interests and activities, research, internships, relevant work experience, publications/presentations (given, in progress, to be submitted/presented), etc.

4. The names of 3 individuals who have agreed to write you strong letters of recommendation. At least two (2) of these individuals should be STEM academics and/or professionals who are able to comment in detail about your academic abilities and research potential.
   o Do not fill in the names of your recommenders on the official Goldwater application form at this time!
   o Provide your designated recommenders with the “Information for Goldwater Recommenders” provided by the national selection committee. This information is available on our website.

5. Have your Recommenders submit their LORs to Dean Goldberg as email attachments to goldbeja@lafayette.edu or externalscholarships@lafayette.edu for the purposes of the Campus Selection Committee. Recommenders should not upload their letters to the official Goldwater application at this time!

Submit the following materials as hard copies to Dean Goldberg, 105 Scott Hall:

6. A signed copy of the “Nomination Permission and Waiver Form” found under our “Submit Materials” tab on our website at: http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/submit-materials/

7. College ADVISING Transcript provided by the Registrar’s Office. Do Not submit Banner transcripts.