

## **The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Program was created to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering and to foster excellence in those fields. Undergraduate scholarships will be awarded to outstanding students in the spring of 2003 for use during the 2003-2004 academic year. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to two groups of students – those who will be college juniors and those who will be college seniors in the 2003-2004 academic year – who have outstanding potential and intend to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. Four-year institutions are eligible to nominate up to four students who are in the sophomore or junior class during the 2002-2003 academic year. Up to 300 scholarships will be awarded.

In awarding scholarships, the following are considered: nominee's field of study and career objectives and the extent to which that individual has the commitment and potential to make a significant contribution to his or her field.

Each scholarship covers eligible expenses for tuition fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$7,500 annually. Scholarship monies not used during one academic year are not transferable to succeeding academic year. Junior-level scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of two years of scholarship support, and senior-level scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of one year of scholarship support.

Nominees for Goldwater Scholarships must include in their nomination materials a statement of interest in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering, detailing how their academic program and their overall educational plans will prepare them for their chosen career goal. It is expected that students selected as scholars will pursue advanced degrees. Students who plan to study medicine are eligible for a Goldwater Scholarship only if they plan a research career rather than a career as a medical doctor in a private practice.

### **Conditions of Eligibility**

To be considered for nomination as a Goldwater Scholar, a student must:

- × Be a full-time matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education during the 2002-2003 academic year. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning September 2003. Sophomore nominees can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support. "Junior" is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning September 2003. Junior nominees can expect to receive a maximum of one year of support.
- × Have a college grade-point average of at least "B" (or the equivalent) and be in the upper fourth of his or her class.
- × Be a United States citizen, a resident alien, or, in the case of nominees from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, a United States

national. Nominations from resident aliens must include a letter of the nominee's intent to obtain U.S. citizenship and a photocopy of the Alien Registration Card.

Junior-level scholarships will be supported for a maximum of two academic years and senior-level scholarships for a maximum of one academic year. Renewal for junior-level scholars will be in accordance with the regulations established by the Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees and will be subject to an annual review by an authorized official of the institution that certifies:

- × The scholar is a full-time student and is taking a course of study, training, or other educational activities to prepare for a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering.
- × The scholar is not engaged in gainful employment that interferes with the scholar's studies.
- × The scholar is in good academic standing.

The San Francisco State University will perform its own screening before sending top candidates to the Goldwater Scholarship Program office.

For those interested, more information and the Application Form is located at the following website: <http://www.act.org/goldwater/>