

NATIONALLY
COMPETITIVE
SCHOLARSHIPS
& FELLOWSHIPS

Application Process

STRONG APPLICATION

- ◎ Unified
- ◎ Concise and clear
- ◎ Edited and revised
- ◎ Strong recommendations

PLAN

- ⦿ Focused vision for future
your place in world
- ⦿ Desire to make a difference
- ⦿ Goals to fulfill vision
- ⦿ Passion
- ⦿ Commitment

*Build on foundation you already have;
lay groundwork for future*

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Personal Statement /
Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Research Proposal / Plan of Study
- Institution Endorsement
- Transcripts
- Résumé

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- ◎ Most opportunities require multiple recommendations
- ◎ Provide ample lead time
- ◎ Know you as scientist and personally
- ◎ Share application materials / statements and review criteria

IMPROVE CHANCES

- ◎ **Become involved in extra-curricular activities** that are important to you; be selective and deliberate about what you do.
- ◎ **Get involved in leadership roles** with student and community organizations.
- ◎ **Take advantage of volunteer, internship, and research opportunities** - gain experience.
- ◎ **Expand your knowledge of the world:** study abroad
- ◎ **Strongly consider language study,** especially if interested in study abroad

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Well-rounded, outside classroom
- Depth vs Breadth
- Start early, sustain commitment
- Demonstrated leadership capability

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Address guidelines
- Manage deadlines
 - Prepare in advance --
start early
- Proof read!
- Involve mentor

INSTITUTIONAL NOMINATION

- Letter of Endorsement
- Internal Deadlines
- Required for:
 - Goldwater
 - Luce
 - Truman
 - Udall
 - Rhodes
 - Marshall

WRITE FOR 20 MINUTE READ (SPEED READER)

Use

- ⦿ sub-headings
- ⦿ font styles
- ⦿ white space
- ⦿ bold and (to lesser extent) underline

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