

# Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

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## The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

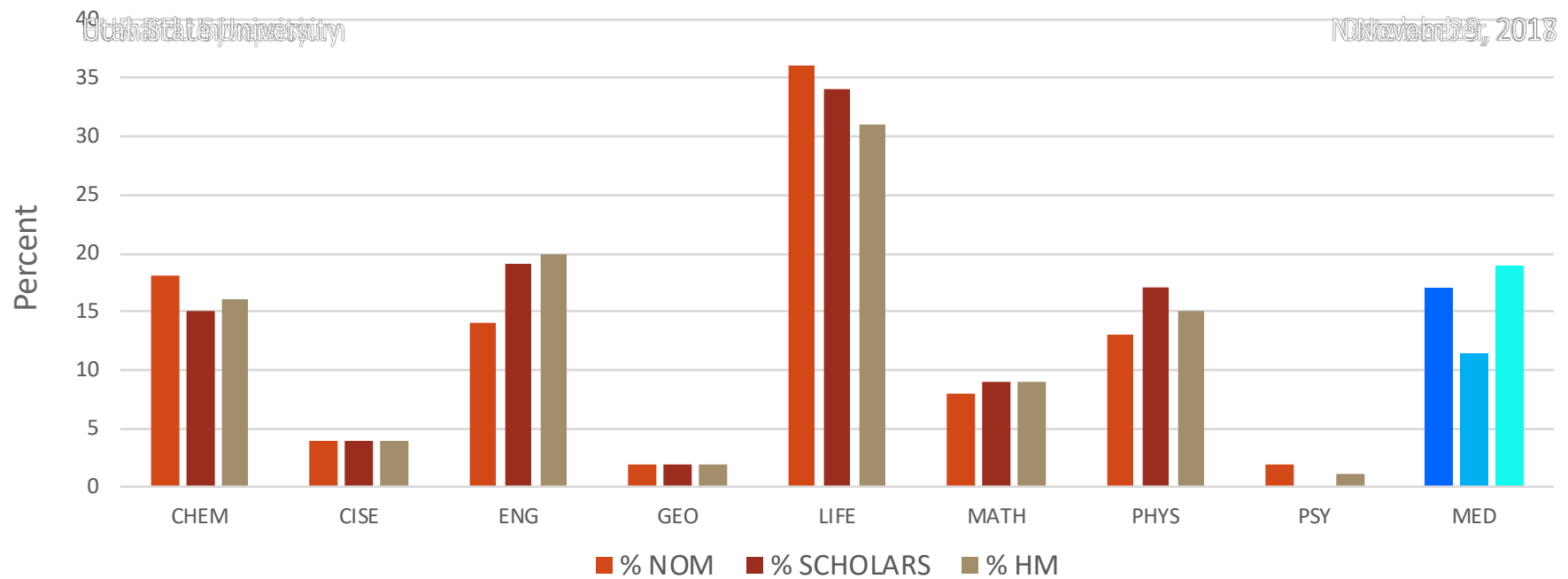
The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 to serve as a living memorial to honor the lifetime work of Senator Barry Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years in the U.S. Senate. **Read more**

# The Goldwater Data

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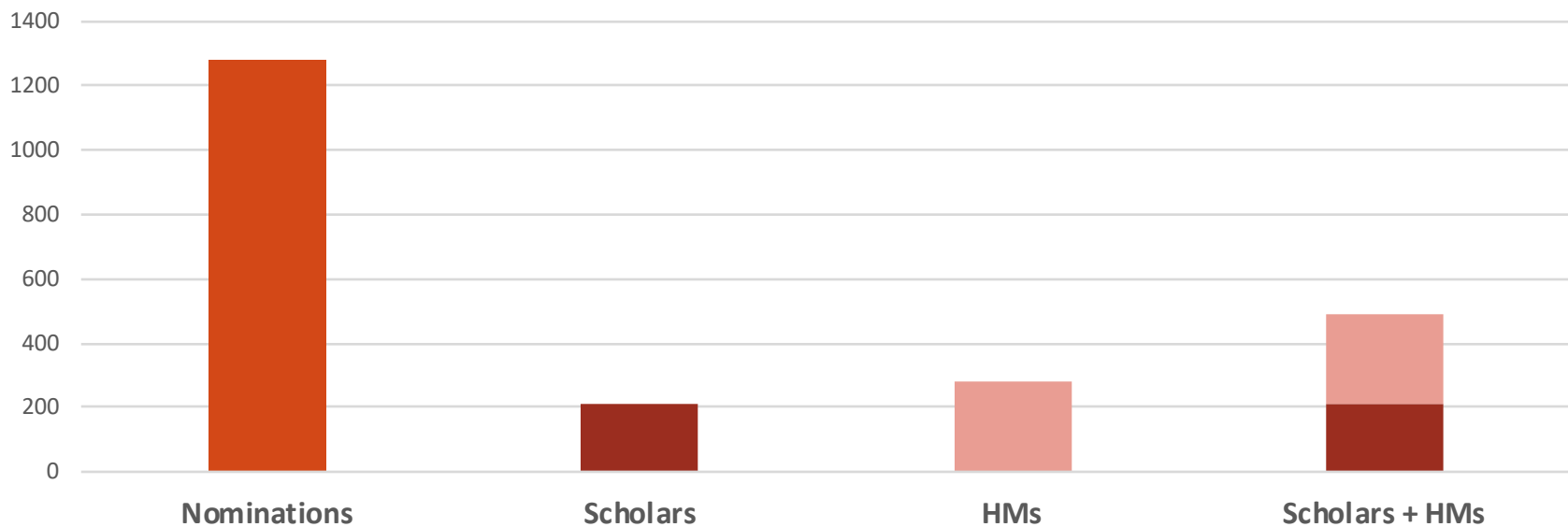
<b>State</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Idaho</b>	<b>Montana</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Population (%-2017 Census)	0.23	0.53	0.32	1.27	2.27	4.62
Expected Scholars (8130)	19	43	26	103	184	375
Actual Scholars	14	46	97	145	140	442
Difference	-5	+3	+71	+42	-44	+67
No. '89-'98	10	17	34	46	42	149
No. '99-'08	4	17	32	63	51	167
No. '08-'18	0	12	31	36	47	126
Murdock Colleges	3	9	3	86	46	147
All Other	11	37	94	59	94	295

# 2018 Statistics - By Discipline



# 2018 Statistics – Nominations/Awards

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**(Scholars + HMs) / Nominations = 38%**

# Why Apply?

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- There IS, of course, the **money!**
- Requires you to “**plan your career path**” early in your undergraduate education (i.e., freshmen year!) – *you become proactive instead of reactive*
- Requires you to **interact with faculty**
- Requires you to **engage in research** early
- Thoughtfully going through the Goldwater application process will help you **prepare for applications** to other high-level national scholarships/fellowships
- Goldwater recognition is **highly-regarded by other national fellowship programs** (NSF GRFP, Rhodes, Fulbright, Marshall, Hertz, Churchill, etc.)

**The “Gold” in Goldwater is the Application Process!**

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*"This distinction is proof to anyone beginning their journey  
a little later in life, as I have, that it is truly  
never too late to pursue your dreams."*

*Staci Okada  
Massachusetts Bay Community College  
2016 Goldwater Scholar*