CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service

Invitation to Apply

What is it?
Scholarship for Service (SFS) is a program designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of federal information assurance professionals that protect the government's critical information infrastructure. The scholarship typically funds two years of study, with the option of extending to a third year with permission of the team that supervises the scholarship program. The scholarship pays tuition and provides a book allowance of $2,000 per year. Undergraduate scholars are paid a yearly stipend of $22,500; graduate scholars are paid a yearly stipend of $34,000. Each scholarship recipient is obligated to take part in career-building activities during the regular academic year, participate in a paying public-sector internship each summer, and obtain a full-time cybersecurity-related job in the public sector (federal, state, territorial, local, or tribal level) within two years of the end of scholarship funding. Scholarship recipients must work in the public sector for a period equivalent to the length of the scholarship rounded up to the nearest whole calendar year.

The scholarship is administered locally by Auburn University but is part of a larger national program funded by the National Science Foundation, the US Office of Personnel Management, and the US Department of Homeland Security.

The faculty that participate in the scholarship program mentor scholarship recipients and help them find internships and, later, jobs.

Who is eligible?
To be eligible to be considered for the SFS program, applicants must:

- be willing to work in the public sector after graduation
- be a US citizen or hold US Permanent Resident status
- be within two years of graduation if an undergraduate applicant, or within three years of graduation if a graduate applicant
- meet requirements for Federal employment and be able to obtain a security clearance, if required
- have a minimum 3.0/4.0 overall GPA if applying as an undergraduate student, or having a minimum overall 3.5/4.0 GPA if applying as a graduate student
- be admitted to Auburn University as an on-campus student. Off-campus and distance education students are not eligible.

Applicants are selected competitively based on scholastic merit and aptitude for cyber security. Selection is not based on financial need or other extra-academic criteria.

While we consider scholarship applications from students majoring in all fields related to cyber security, we give priority to students majoring in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering, and electrical engineering. The focus of our cybersecurity program is primarily technical in nature. We expect those applying for scholarships at the undergraduate level to have demonstrated skills in, at a minimum, programming, data structures, and analysis of algorithms. Those applying for the scholarship at the graduate level should have the requisite background to be admitted into one of the graduate programs administered by Auburn University's Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering.
How do you apply for the scholarship?

For Undergraduate Scholarships: Visit AUSOM on My Finances within AU Access.

For Graduate Scholarships: Submit the items listed below as a single e-mail to sfs@auburn.edu:

1. A cover letter stating the following:
   a. That you are a US citizen (or US permanent resident).
   b. The desired starting semester for the award (Spring 2021, Fall 2021).
   c. The degree and academic major you will be pursuing as of your desired starting semester.
   d. Whether you are considered an in-state or out-of-state student.
   e. Your interest for a cyber security career in the public sector.
   f. Acknowledgement that you understand the service obligation incurred by accepting the scholarship. You will be asked to submit a signed service agreement if selected for the scholarship.

2. College transcript(s). Informal copies of transcripts are acceptable. You will be asked to submit formal documents if selected for the scholarship.

3. Resume.

Where can you find more information?
- Questions regarding Auburn University's SFS program: sfs@auburn.edu
- Official SFS site: https://www.sfs.opm.gov/
- SFS FAQs: https://www.sfs.opm.gov/StudyFAQ.aspx
- SFS Service Agreement: www.eng.auburn.edu/~umphress/sfs/ServiceAgreement.pdf

Deadlines

Undergraduate Scholarships:
Submit to AUSOM 4:45 PM CT, 1 February 2021

Graduate Scholarships:
Submit to sfs@auburn.edu
Spring 2021 start: 4:45 PM CT, 12 October 2020
Fall 2021 start: 4:45 PM CT, 15 April 2021