



CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service **Invitation to Apply for Fall Semester 2019**

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 fees, and provides a book allowance of \$500 per year. Undergraduate scholars are paid a yearly stipend of \$22.5K; graduate scholars are paid a yearly stipend of \$34K. 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 year or one calendar year, whichever is longer.

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.

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
- be eligible for at least a secret clearance
- have a minimum 3.0 overall GPA if applying as an undergraduate student, or having a minimum overall 3.5 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.

We anticipate awarding approximately 10 scholarships this academic year: five to undergraduate students and five to graduate students. Applicants are selected competitively based on scholastic merit. 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 protection, we give priority to students majoring in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering, wireless engineering, and electrical engineering. The faculty that participate in the scholarship program are able to help engineering students find internships and, later, jobs.

How do you apply for the Fall 2019 scholarship?

Undergraduate students: Visit AUSOM on My Finances within [AU Access](#) by 1 February 2019.

Graduate students: 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 degree and academic major you are pursuing as of the beginning of Fall 2019 semester.
 - c. Whether you are considered an in-state or out-of-state student.
 - d. Your interest for a cyber security career in the public sector.
 - e. 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/StudFAQ.aspx>
- SFS Service Agreement: www.eng.auburn.edu/~umphress/sfs/ServiceAgreement.pdf

Deadlines

Undergraduates: Submit to [AUSOM](#) 5pm, 1 February 2019.

Graduate Students: Submit to sfs@auburn.edu

Primary selection: 5pm, 15 April 2019.

Follow-up selection (if necessary): 5pm, 1 Aug 2019