



CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service **Invitation to Apply for Fall Semester 2018**

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 the scholarship. Graduates 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 and the US Office of Personnel Management.

Who is eligible?

This program is open to US citizens and US Permanent Residents studying in residence at Auburn University. All participants must be willing and eligible to obtain a security clearance.

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.

This is a merit-based scholarship; selection is not based on financial need or other extra-academic criteria.

What are the scholarship selection criteria?

To receive a scholarship, students must be willing to work in the public sector; be a US citizen or hold US Permanent Resident status; be within two years of graduation, for undergraduate students, and within three years of graduation for graduate students; and be eligible for a secret clearance (minimum). Undergraduate students must have a minimum 3.0 overall GPA and graduate students must have a minimum 3.5 overall GPA. All students have to be admitted into the Computer Science and Software Engineering program (or a closely aligned Auburn University degree) as an on-campus student. Off-campus and distance education students are not eligible.

How do you apply for the Fall 2018 scholarship?

Undergraduate students: Visit AUSOM on My Finances within [AU Access](#) by 1 February 2018.

Graduate students: Submit the items listed below as a single e-mail to sfs@auburn.edu: by 5pm on 15 May 2018:

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 2018 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.

What happens after applying?

We anticipate awarding approximately 10 scholarships this academic year: five to undergraduate students and five to graduate students.

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

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