



Information Security and Privacy: Interdisciplinary Research and Education (INSPIRE)

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National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Research (CAE-R)

NSF CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service (SFS) Application Instructions



Thank you for your interest in the federal CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service (SFS) program. CyberCorps® awards tuition and a stipend to students in exchange for a commitment to serve the U.S. Government in a cybersecurity role after graduation*.

Please email your resume and copies of transcripts from all institutions of higher learning attended by the applicant. Transcripts may be sent as a PDF to ccsfs@gsu.edu

Before Applying Ensure that you:

- Are a United States citizen or permanent legal resident
- Are a full-time student at GSU or applying to a degree program at GSU
 - You must either be a current student or an applicant for admission
 - You must be accepted before you can receive the award
- Are studying or intend to study fields which emphasize Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Are 3 years or fewer away from graduation by the first semester the scholarship will be awarded
- Meet minimum cumulative GPA requirements (3.2 for undergraduate students; 3.3 for graduate students)

Requirements for Recipients Ensure that you:

- Maintain full-time student status at GSU without pursuing or holding any outside employment
- Concentrate in an area of study related to Cybersecurity, Privacy and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Maintain a good academic standing including minimum cumulative GPA requirements
- Maintain compatibility with federal government job screening requirements and background check
- Participate in required events within the program (e.g., job fairs, professional development, etc.)
- Complete at least one internship at a government agency during the summer*

Application Instructions (submit by email to ccsfs@gsu.edu): To apply for the CyberCorps Scholarship for Service (SFS) scholarship, please submit the following:

- The completed application form (please type or fill out electronically)
- Official transcripts from any previous post-secondary schools other than GSU
- A resume or curriculum vitae
- Three (3) letters of recommendation highlighting technical and scholarly skills and experience (template will be provided)
- A personal statement detailing the following:
 - What obstacles personal and/or financial have you overcome to acquire an education?
 - Why are you pursuing a college education?
 - What degree or certificate program are you pursuing and why?
 - Any awards, recognition, honors, and/or commendations you have received
 - How will this scholarship help you achieve your personal, academic, and professional goals?
 - Any unique reasons that make you an exceptional candidate and help set you apart from other applicants

You may also want to include such information as:

- Why you are interested in the field of Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
- Particular areas of interest within the Information Security Field
- Any knowledge and experience related to these fields
- Why you would like to work for the government in these fields
- Evidence of good interpersonal communication skills (public speaking, writing, working in teams, etc.)
- Evidence of good problem-solving skills

*Students can apply for any position that includes duties in Information Assurance at a Federal Executive agency. Other options (subject to prior approval) can include other Federal agencies as well as State, Local, or Tribal Government organization, Independent Agency, Government Corporation, Commission, Quasi-Official Agency, National Laboratory, Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), or other approved organization. These requirements/approvals are managed by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (sfs@opm.gov).



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Personal Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____
 Permanent Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Current Address (If different): _____ U.S. Citizen?
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ **Yes: _____ No: _____**
 For tuition purposes, you are a resident of which state? _____

NOTE: You must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident to receive this scholarship

Application Information :

Undergraduate Applicants Only

Please Check: Sophomore Year: _____ Junior Year: _____ Senior Year: _____
 Declared Major: _____
 Minor: _____ Concentration outside of Major: _____
 Year Graduated: _____ GPA: _____ GSU Panther ID# (if applicable): _____

Graduate Applicants Only

Are you an applicant to Georgia State University, awaiting confirmation of admission

Please check: Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please indicate: Masters or Ph.D. _____ GSU Panther ID# (if applicable): _____

To which degree program have you applied? _____

Expected date of graduation: _____

Academic advisor's name: _____ Email Address: _____

Current and Previous Post-Secondary Schools Attended (send official transcripts):

Name of Current School: _____ Years Attended: _____

Address of Current School: _____ Degree Awarded (if any) and Year: _____

Name of Previous School: _____ Years Attended: _____

Address of Previous School: _____ Degree Awarded (if any) and Year: _____



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Applicant's Legal Name:

About You

Please share additional details about your interest in the field of information assurance and cybersecurity.

Academic and extracurricular activities (approximately 250 words):

Particular areas of interest within Information Security Field (approximately 250 words):

Career objective (approximately 250 words):

Honors, awards, membership in honor societies:



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Applicant's Legal Name:

Personal Narrative

Please provide a personal statement (approximately 750 words) about both your interest in information security and why you are pursuing the CyberCorps® Scholarship.



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Applicant's Legal Name:

Permanent Contact Information (if different from PAGE 1)

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone number (with area code):

Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone number (with area code):

Acknowledgement:

My name typed below with the date is my assurance that the information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I acknowledge the conditions and obligations for the scholarship. If accepted into the scholarship program, I will be required to sign documents in the presence of the professor in charge of this Program. I may also be required to have a personal interview.

By signing below, I also acknowledge that:

- 1) I am a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- 2) I understand that after graduation I will secure a full time job in federal, state, local, or tribal government for a period of time commensurate with the number of years the scholarship is awarded.

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date: