

### **Program Information:**

Scholarship For Service (SFS) is a unique program designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of federal cybersecurity professionals who protect the government's critical information infrastructure. This program provides scholarships which fully fund the typical costs incurred by full-time students while attending a participating institution, including tuition and education and related fees. The scholarships are funded through grants awarded by the National Science Foundation.

Scholarships provide students with:

- Stipends of \$22,500 (undergraduate) or \$34,000 (graduate) per year
- Tuition and Fees for up to 30 credits (undergraduate) or 24 credits (graduate) per year
- Professional development travel allowance up to \$4,000 per year
- Book allowance up to \$2,000 per year, provided by a one-time reimbursement each semester

Graduates must serve at a Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Government organization in an information assurance/cybersecurity position for a period equivalent to the length of the scholarship or one year, whichever is longer. Scholarship recipients will be required to sign a service agreement. This agreement stipulates the nature and conditions of scholarship and service obligation that will be incurred.

### **Application process:**

Application deadline: March 15, 2019

Start date: Fall semester 2019

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Minimum 18 years of age
- US Citizen, or Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR)
- Minimum 3.25 GPA (4.0) scale
- Enrolled full-time in Cybersecurity (undergraduate) program or MSIA (graduate) program at SCSU
- Completed at least 60 credits in the Cybersecurity program (or transferred to the program) (for undergraduates)
- Active involvement (or willingness thereof) in Cybersecurity/IA student club and Cyber Defense team
- Attend at least 80% of Cyber Defense practice sessions (if enrolled in Cybersecurity or transferring from 2-year college)
- Ability to obtain security clearance as required
- Must be enrolled in the Selective Service program (only for male applicants)

**Interested students must submit the following documents:**

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- **Completed Application Form**
- **DARS report or Transcripts**
- **An 800-word essay on the following**
  - **Their short-term (1-4 years) and long-term (5+ years) career goals after graduation**
  - **What the scholarship and stipend would allow him or her to accomplish that wouldn't otherwise be possible**
  - **Their interest in being employed by the Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Government for Cybersecurity/Information Assurance duties**
- **Resume**
- **At least two letters of reference**

Admissions decisions will be based on the following:

- GPA (overall and major)
- Number of credits taken towards degree completion
- Number of years left to graduate
- Active participation (or willingness thereof) in student clubs and cyber defense practice
- Quality of the essay. Special attention will be paid to the following aspects of the essay:
  - What the scholarship and stipend would allow him or her to accomplish that wouldn't otherwise be possible
  - Their interest in being employed by the Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Government for Information Assurance/Cybersecurity duties
  - Their short-term (1-4 years) and long-term (5+ years) career goals after graduation
- Resume
- Letters of reference

Admissions decisions will be made by April 30, 2019 (pending OPM approval)

**Application materials must be submitted to:**

**Chris Carlisle**  
**CyberCorps Program Coordinator**  
**HH225, 720 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue S**  
**St. Cloud, MN 56301**  
**Email: [cecarlisle@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:cecarlisle@stcloudstate.edu)**  
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**General Information/Inquiries:**  
**[cybercorps@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:cybercorps@stcloudstate.edu)**

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### Application Form:

**Name:**

**DOB:**

**Student ID (if any):**

**Mailing Address:**

**Email address:**

**Phone number:**

**Major – intended or accepted?:**

**College(s) attended:**

**Total Credits Earned to date:**

**GPA (overall and major):**

**Are you willing to relocate for your job?**

### **Statements to Acknowledge:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a US Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) and at least 18 years of age

\_\_\_\_\_ I expect to seek and maintain employment in a designated federal, state, local, or tribal agency for a period equal to the length of time I receive this scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will be responsible to pay back any funds received through this scholarship program if I do not obtain eligible employment upon graduation

\_\_\_\_\_ If awarded a scholarship, I will maintain full-time enrollment in an eligible academic program during any semester I receive support

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to waive my rights to confidentiality of personal information and give my consent to the grant officials to disclose information to OPM/SFS as required by the scholarship program

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enrolled in the Selective Service program (only for male applicants)

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