NSF CyberCorps Scholarship for Service (SFS) Scholarship Application

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| **Eligibility Requirements** |
| This scholarship is for students who agree to pursue a degree in the information assurance fields and serve at an approved Federal, State, local, or tribal Government agency in a qualifying position (i.e. a position in the information assurance field) for a period of up to three years upon completing academic degree requirements, depending on the length of the scholarship.  Students must be in good academic standing and maintain full-time enrollment. |
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| **Applicant Information** |
| First Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Last Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Student Id \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Academic Information** |
| College: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Major 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Major 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Minor 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Minor 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Current Grade Level on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  File:  Current Cumulative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  GPA on file:  Admit term on file: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Expected Grad Term: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Personal Information (Optional)** |
| What is your Gender Male Female Other  Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes No  How would you describe yourself? White Black or African America  Please select all that apply Asian American Indian or Alaskan Native  Other Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| What is your field of study? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Background Information** |
| Have you ever been suspended or dismissed Yes No  from any college attended?  Have you ever been on academic or disciplinary Yes No  probation?  Do you have a campus judicial record (academic Yes No  honesty violation, IT violation, etc)?  Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No  Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor Yes No  within the past 5 years (other than a first  conviction for drunkenness, simple assault,  speeding, minor traffic violations, affray or  disturbance of the peace)  If you answered yes to any of the questions above, please provide a written explanation of the circumstances and  give the approximate date of each incident. (Some crimes, including first convictions for certain misdemeanors  which are excepted from disclosure above, may impact internship placements, employment placements, ability to  obtain required security clearance, or other program requirements. The applicant is responsible for understanding  the impact this could have on his/her future goals.)  Min length: 150 words  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Applicants must take the clearance readiness assessment: [Clearance Readiness Assessment](https://www.indigobyavue.com/dod-emerging-tech/public/backgroundReadiness)  Enter the number of showstoppers: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Enter the number of speed bumps: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Essay** |
| Please attach your responses for the two questions.  1. Describe your experience and interests around cybersecurity, your broader career goals, aspects of government  work that do (and do not) interest you, and why you are applying for this scholarship.  Min Length: 300 words  Max Length: 600 words  2. Describe your contributions to the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion in STEM fields, and personal  experiences as they relate to diversity, equity and inclusion.  Min Length: 150 words  Max Length: 300 words |

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| **Letter of Recommendation** |
| One letter of recommendation is required (This letter should be provided by a faculty member or individual who can speak to the applicant’s background and preparation to succeed in the field of cybersecurity)  Please have your reference email their letter of recommendation directly to [cybersecurity.center@umassd.edu](mailto:cybersecurity.center@umassd.edu) as a pdf with file name and subject line, “Letter of reference for Your\_Full\_Name by Reference Name”. |

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| **Resume** |
| Please attach your current resume. |

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| **Code of Conduct Release** |
| Please download the Code of Conduct Release form: Code of Conduct Release Form  The Code of Conduct Release form must be completed by the Dean of Students Office, Principal’s Office or  Student Conduct Office from all institutions attended.  Please have the Dean of Students Office, Principal’s Office or Student Conduct Office email the completed Code of Conduct Form directly to [cybersecurity.center@umassd.edu](mailto:cybersecurity.center@umassd.edu) with file name and subject line, “Code of Conduct Report for Your\_Full\_Name at Your School”. |

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| **Service Agreement** |
| Recipients of this scholarship will be required to sign the following agreement (you are **not** required to sign this  now):  The CyberCorps®: Scholarship For Service (SFS) Program provides the means for program-approved academic  institutions to grant scholarships to students (hereinafter referred to as participants) who agree to pursue a degree  in the information assurance fields and serve at an approved Federal, State, local, or tribal Government agency  (hereinafter referred to as “participating agency”) in a qualifying position (i.e., a position in the information  assurance field) for a period of up to three years upon completing academic degree requirements, depending on  the length of the scholarship. This Service Agreement sets forth the participant’s responsibilities.   1. ***Participant Responsibilities***   The SFS scholarship participant agrees to the following:   * 1. *Scholarship Phase:*   During the scholarship phase the participant will:   * + 1. *maintain enrollment at a participating college or university on a full-time basis;*     2. *maintain good academic standing, as defined by his or her academic institution, in an information assurance program of study;*     3. *at the end of the semester (or quarter or trimester, as applicable), submit an official course transcript to the Principal Investigator (PI) at the academic institution, the hiring official at the participating agency making an employment offer to the participant, or to the SFS Program Office, if so requested, listing the courses in which the participant is enrolled and the final grade(s) received;*     4. *if the period of scholarship exceeds an academic year, search for and serve an information assurance-related internship of at least 10 weeks at a participating agency;*     5. *participate in SFS-sponsored job fairs and all other SFS program activities;*     6. *register with the SFS program, complete a participant profile, and create a résumé on-line at www.sfs.opm.gov;*     7. *update SFS profile (résumé, job search activity report, and contact information) at least once quarterly;*     8. *search for post-graduation employment with a participating agency in an information assurance-related position;*   a. complete periodic surveys as requested by the SFS Program Office; and  j. respond to all requests from SFS Program Office and PI for information concerning the SFS program and participant status in accordance with guidance provided in the request.   * 1. *Commitment Phase:*   Following completion of academic degree requirements, the participant will:   * + 1. *work full time in a qualifying position at a participating agency for a period commensurate with the length of the scholarship or one year, whichever is longer;*     2. *provide documentation to the SFS Program Office verifying employment;*     3. *ensure contact information in SFS profile remains current throughout period of obligation;*     4. *complete periodic surveys as requested by the SFS Program Office; and*     5. *respond to all requests from SFS Program Office and PI for information concerning the SFS program and participant status in accordance with guidance provided in the request.*   1. *Monitoring Phase:*   Upon completion of the Service Commitment Participants enter the Monitoring Phase. During this phase the Program Office monitors the Participant’s employment status and keeps current contact information on Participants. This begins upon completion of the Service Commitment and concludes 8 years after the Service Commitment end date. Participants will be required to:   1. *update contact information when it changes;* 2. *complete periodic surveys as requested by SFS Program Office (usually annually).*    1. *Failure to secure a qualifying position:*   If participant has not secured a qualifying position upon graduation, the participant agrees to:   1. *continue to search for employment with a participating agency in a qualifying position;* 2. *respond to all requests from SFS Program Office and PI for information concerning the SFS service commitment in accordance with guidance provided in the request; and* 3. *continue to update SFS profile (résumé, job search activity report, and contact information) at least once quarterly.*   It is expected that the participant enters the commitment phase within 18 months of graduation however an extension may be granted by the SFS Program Office. If the participant has not secured a qualifying position within 18 months of graduation or by the end of the granted extension the participant understands that he/she will be indebted to the Federal Government and may be required to reimburse the SFS Program. Section II-2 addresses exceptions.  *II. Participant Reimbursement to the Federal Government*   * 1. *A participant who fails to comply with any Program requirement established under this Service Agreement will be indebted to the Federal Government and must immediately reimburse the SFS Program. Failure to promptly reimburse the SFS Program will require that the funds be collected as a debt owed the U.S. Treasury.ii The reimbursable amount will be prorated based on time already served to fulfill the employment obligation following completion of degree requirements.*  1. *Failure to fulfill the terms of the program during the scholarship phase occurs for any of the following reasons:*    1. *the participant’s enrollment is terminated by the academic institution for reasons under the control of the participant (including failure to meet academic or behavioral standards);*    2. *any changes to the participant’s curriculum or major field of study that are not compatible with the SFS program;*    3. *failure to complete academic degree requirements within the scholarship period unless there are mitigating circumstances agreed to by the SFS Program Office;*    4. *the participant fails to qualify for internship placement, including obtaining a security clearance if required;*    5. *the participant is terminated from any Federal appointment for cause; or*    6. *the participant otherwise breaches the terms of this agreement.* 2. *Failure to complete the period of employment in a qualifying position occurs if the participant fails to gain employment at a participating agency, employment is terminated, or the participant leaves a qualifying position, for any of the following reasons before the post-academic employment commitment is fulfilled:*    1. *the participant fails to qualify for post-graduation placement, including obtaining a security clearance if required;*    2. *the employee resigns;*    3. *the employee is terminated for cause or for adverse suitability/security clearance determinations;iii*    4. *the employee initiates action that results in reassignment, promotion or transfer to a non-covered position;*    5. *the employee refuses an offer of reassignment or transfer to a covered position in the commuting area when such an action becomes necessary because of changes in the employer’s staffing needs, organizational realignment, or staff reductions; or*    6. *the employee otherwise breaches the terms of this agreement.* |

# Obligation Acknowledgement

Students who receive funds under this program will have obligations that include:

Work for a government agency (US federal, state, local, or tribal) or approved government research facility immediately after graduation, for a period of time equal to the period of funding. Seek and take internships with the government (US federal, state, local, or tribal) in each summer during the scholarship period.

Participate in conferences, workshops, and seminars as organized by the WPI and National SFS programs.

Reimburse the United States if you withdraw from the program or fail to qualify for government employment.

Undergo background investigations as required to obtain security clearances commensurate with internships and post-graduation employment.

Sign a legal agreement attesting to the above obligations.

# By submitting this form, I acknowledge the following statements:

I have read and acknowledge these obligations. I understand that submitting this application does not obligate me to accept the scholarship or fulfill the obligations at this time.

I also understand that false information in my application or interview can result in loss of a scholarship (and required repayment of funds).