

NSF Carolinas Cyber Defender Scholarship

Department of Computer Science

College of Engineering

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

What the National Science Foundation Scholarship for Service Program Offers

Through the NSF Cyber Corps Scholarship for Service (SFS) program, North Carolina Agriculture and Technology State University will provide grants to students to study in the field of information security and cybersecurity. Each scholarship recipient will complete a graduate degree in Computer Science. All participants will be fully integrated into our research programs and be associated with one of our on going research projects. All students will receive stipends plus support for tuition and fees. There will be additional activities that are specially created for the SFS students. Upon graduation students are required to work for the Federal Government or a state, local or Tribal Government for a period of time equal to how long they were supported by the scholarships.

Scholarship Benefits

Each student in the program will be supported for up to two years. The specific benefits will be:

- A graduate student will be paid a stipend of \$25,000 per year.
- Additional support \$1,200 will be provided to health insurance, and \$1,000 to textbooks.
- Applicable tuition and fees, including any out-of-state and graduate student fees.

Requirements and Eligibility

The eligibility criteria are:

- A United States citizen.
- A full-time graduate student within two years of graduation at North Carolina A&T State University with a Master's degree in Computer Science
- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Each student must meet selection criteria for federal, state, or local

government employment. Final job placement may require a security clearance, so each scholarship recipient may be required to undergo the background investigation required to obtain such a clearance.

Recipient Responsibility

In return for receiving scholarship benefits, each scholarship recipient incurs two obligations:

- For the summers while enrolled in the program, each student will be responsible for securing an internship position at a federal, state, or local government agency. Numerous resources are available to assist students in identifying and applying for internships.
- Upon graduation, each student will be required to work in a qualified information assurance position for a federal, state, or local government agency or a qualified national laboratory. The work requirement time period matches the supported time period. Numerous resources are available including an annual job fair specifically for SFS students as well as the assistance of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) which oversees permanent placement for scholarship students.

Please fill the **application form** and mail it to:

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