

CyberCorps®: Scholarship for Service Application Instructions

Kansas State University

Before Applying:

Ensure that you:

- Are a United States citizen or permanent legal resident
- Are a full-time student at K-State or applying to a degree program at K-State
 - 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, Information Assurance, Cryptography, and/or Risk Management
- Are able to pass federal government job screening requirements and background check
- 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 K-State without pursuing or holding any outside employment
- Concentrate in an area of study related to Cybersecurity, Information Assurance, Cryptography, and/or Risk Management
- Maintain a good academic standing including minimum cumulative GPA requirements
- Maintain compatibility with federal agency requirements (e.g., no drugs, felonies, etc.)
- 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*
- After graduation, 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*

Application Instructions (submit by email to cs-sfs@ksu.edu):

To apply for the CyberCorps Scholarship for Service (SFS) scholarship, please submit the following materials:

- The completed **application form** (*pages 2, 3, and 4* below; please type or fill out electronically)
- **Official transcripts** from any previous post-secondary schools other than K-State
- **A resume or curriculum vitae**
- **Three (3) letters of recommendation** highlighting technical and scholarly skills and experience, **each accompanied by a completed Recommendation Form** (*page 5*)
 - It helps to have a mix of letters from people who can speak to different facets of you and your work. For instance, one of your letters could be from a high school teacher, another from a K-State faculty member who knows you from classwork, research, and/or extra-curricular activities, etc. If you are transferring from another school or had previous post-secondary courses, consider having a letter from someone who can speak to your college career before K-State.

* 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:		Daytime Phone:
City:	State:	Zip: Evening Phone:
Email Address:		Mobile Phone:
Current Address (if different):		U.S. Citizen? Yes: No:
City:	State:	Zip: NOTE: You must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident to receive this scholarship
Country of origin (if applicable:)		

Application Information:

Degree Program where you would use the Scholarship Bachelors: Masters: Doctorate:	Major/Program:	Anticipated Graduation (MM/YYYY):
Degree Status at K-State: are/have you Currently Enrolled? Accepted but not Enrolled? Applied but not Accepted? Not Applied?		
Highest ACT Scores (if any) Comp: Math:	Highest SAT Scores (if any) V: M:	Highest GRE Scores (if any) V: Q: A:

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:
City:	State: Zip: GPA:

Name of Previous School:	Years Attended:
Address of Previous School:	Degree Awarded (if any) and Year:
City:	State: Zip: GPA:

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How did you hear about the CyberCorps® program?

By signing below, I acknowledge that:

- 1) I am a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident.
- 2) I do not, and do not expect to, have other service commitments such as ROTC.
- 3) The information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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NOTE: Every field is limited to a maximum of 1300 characters (about 200 words). If you're writing more, you're probably overthinking it :)

Explain why you are interested in working in computer/information security

Discuss your skills that may be relevant to this scholarship (as bullet points)

Discuss your knowledge about, and experience with, computer/information security. Include, as applicable, prior or current curricular or extra-curricular activities, training, internships, etc.

List any awards, recognition, honors, and/or commendations you have received (as bullet points)

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Discuss why you are interested in working for the government

Discuss your interpersonal communication skills (leadership activities, public speaking, writing, working in teams, etc.)

Discuss your problem-solving skills (be as specific as possible)

Discuss your biggest weakness, and state how you are currently working on improving yourself and overcome it

Provide a short statement on why you should receive this scholarship

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Applicant Information (to be completed by the applicant):

Applicant's Name:
Recommender's Name:
Relationship to Applicant:

Evaluation of Applicant (to be completed by the recommender):

Please rate the applicant on the following traits compared to his or her peers	Exceptional	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Cannot Judge
Intellect / Academic Skills					
Initiative / Work Ethic					
Oral Communication					
Written Communication					
Leadership					
Working on a Team					
Problem Solving Skills					
Interpersonal Skills					
Willingness to Learn					
Maturity					
Dependability					
Honesty / Integrity					
Time Management					
Attention to Detail					

Does the applicant's GPA accurately reflect his or her abilities in the field? Yes: No:

(If the answer is no, please elaborate in the attached letter)

Overall Recommendation: Compared to his or her peers, I would rank this candidate in the top:

1% - 4%: 5% - 9%: 10% - 24%: 25% - 50%: 50% or lower:

Recommender Information:

Place of Employment:	Title:
Email Address:	Daytime Phone:

Please attach a separate letter of recommendation with additional comments. Email both to cs-sfs@ksu.edu.

Signature of Recommender

Date