



Prospective Students



For half a century, Southern Scholarship Foundation (SSF) has helped thousands of students realize their dream of a college education through its innovative blend of a rent free housing scholarship award, combined with a cooperative living experience, for those attending Florida State University, the University of Florida, Florida A&M University, and Florida Gulf Coast University (women only).

Scholarship recipients live in a home-like setting with students representing a variety of backgrounds and cultures. Each scholarship house maintains an environment that is drug, alcohol, and smoke free, with quiet study hours. Head Residents are assigned to each house to ensure that daily operations run smoothly as students work in a cooperative partnership to purchase and prepare meals and assume responsibility for all household tasks.

Students do not pay rent, but are responsible for a share of basic household expenses such as food and utilities. Each student contributes approximately \$950 per semester, which is less than \$7.50 per day. Once awarded, the scholarship is renewable provided students demonstrate continued financial need, maintain the required GPA, and live cooperatively within the house. The intangible life skills learned while living at SSF definitely provide students with an "Education for Life"!

NOTE: Cash scholarships are not awarded.

**FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY * FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY * FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

Tallahassee Office: (FSU and FAMU)
322 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304
PH: 850.222.3833 Fax: 850.222.6750

www.southern scholarship.org

Gainesville Office: (UF and FGCU)
PO Box 14406, Gainesville, FL 32604
PH: 352.337.1282 Fax: 352.337.1290

REQUIREMENTS

1. Achieve 3.0 cumulative GPA (college or high school).
2. Demonstrate financial need.
3. Demonstrate high motivation.
4. Share household duties and responsibilities in a cooperative spirit.

APPLY EARLY

PERSONAL INTERVIEW AND TOUR

After submitting a completed application and all required documents, applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with SSF staff in Tallahassee or Gainesville. Interviews can be conducted via the telephone. Tours may also be arranged by emailing the SSF office.

If applying for the fall semester, applicants are encouraged to do so in early spring. We will continue to accept completed applications through the spring and summer semesters. However, the earlier completed packets are submitted, the greater chance of receiving a scholarship.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All materials must be submitted to be considered for a scholarship!

APPLICATION

Please completely fill in all blanks on front and back.

PHOTOGRAPH

Recent photograph, not larger than wallet size. Newspaper photos are not accepted.

ACCEPTANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Copy of acceptance letter from FSU, UF, FAMU, or FGCU. Current transcript is sufficient if currently attending a university served by SSF.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES LIST

List of honors, clubs, social activities, employment, volunteer experiences, talents, and interests. Resumes are accepted.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts from high school and any colleges attended. If a junior college graduate, send only college transcript. If currently attending FSU, UF, FAMU, or FGCU, enclose official transcript which includes cumulative GPA.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Three letters of recommendation are required with specific information regarding academic ability, character, and background from any of the following: principal, teacher, advisor, minister, employer, or civic leader.

ESSAY

Respond to all of the following topics, incorporating into one essay of 500-750 words.

1. Write a brief autobiography, which includes your characteristics and general outlook on life.
2. Select the most significant event in your life and discuss how it affected you.
3. Briefly discuss your professional goals and how you hope to achieve them.
4. Tell us why you are a good candidate for our community living scholarship.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicants must demonstrate financial need by filing the FASFSFA. After processing, please send a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) to SSF. If done online, send the "Print Summary" and "SAR Transactions" sections. NOTE: most applicants have an EFC below \$7,500. If your EFC is higher, you must submit a letter detailing your financial circumstance and need for the scholarship. **Attention International Students:** Although you are not eligible for federal financial aid, you must demonstrate financial need. This may include, but is not limited to, pay stubs, and/or income tax information.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FSU & FAMU applicants, mail to:
Southern Scholarship Foundation
322 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304

UF & FGCU applicants, mail to:
Gainesville Program Office, SSF
PO Box 14406, Gainesville, FL 32604

Mr. Ms. _____ / _____ / _____
First Middle Last Social Security Number

SEMESTER APPLYING FOR: Fall Spring Year: _____

UNIVERSITY: FSU UF FAMU FGCU (women only) INTENDED MAJOR: _____

CELL PHONE: (_____) _____ ALTERNATE TELEPHONE: (_____) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ APT #: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(E-mail will be the primary contact method during the application process.)

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ BIRTH CITY: _____ BIRTH NATION: _____

RACE OR ETHNIC GROUP (optional): White Black/African American Hispanic/Latino-American
 American Indian Asian Pacific Islander Other _____

ARE YOU AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? Yes No

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AN SSF APPLICATION? Yes No If yes, semester/year: _____

WERE YOU ACCEPTED? Yes No DID YOU LIVE IN SCHOLARSHIP HOUSING? Yes No

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED FOR, OR CONVICTED OF ANY LAW VIOLATION WHICH WOULD
CONSTITUTE A FELONY? Yes No If "yes," state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case, and
date. _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHARGED WITH A CONDUCT CODE VIOLATION AT AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION?
 Yes No If "yes," please provide a detailed explanation. You may attach information if needed.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION UPON ENTRANCE: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

CITY, STATE AND/OR NATION: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____

DATES OF ATTENDANCE: _____ to _____ DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

CUMULATIVE GPA: _____

SAT SCORE: math _____ + verbal _____ = _____ ACT SCORE: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

PARENTAL INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: (____) _____ BUSINESS PHONE: (____) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: (____) _____ BUSINESS PHONE: (____) _____

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL INFO

YOU LIVE WITH: Both Parents One Parent (Mother Father) Independent Other _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (Including parents, siblings, dependants, etc.): _____

PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL INCOME: Parent(s) \$ _____ Student \$ _____

**If there are special circumstance regarding your income , please explain them on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application.*

LIST OTHER EXPECTED SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR FINANCIAL AID SERVICES.

Source: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT. I'VE COMPLETED THIS APPLICATION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS THE PROPERTY OF SSF. IN SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I AGREE TO ALLOW SSF TO VERIFY MY GPA, ENROLLMENT STATUS, AND EDUCATIONAL CONDUCT RECORD.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE DATE

I CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS CORRECT. (One parent or guardian signature required.)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT SSF? Teacher Friend

Counselor School Facebook SSF website

Alum, name? _____

Resident, name? _____

PLEASE ATTACH
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