



As a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education, Morgan State University's Cybersecurity Assurance and Policy Center seeks applications for the National Science Foundation CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service (SFS) Program and the Department of Defense (DOD) Cyber Scholarship Program (CySP). Each scholarship program is listed below along with additional resources.

#### **CyberCorps Scholarship for Service (SFS) benefits:**

- Full tuition and fees
- Annual stipend
  - \$27,000 for undergraduates
  - \$37,000 for graduate students (Masters and Ph.D.)
- Scholarship Duration:
  - Two academic years (four semesters) for students in Bachelor and Masters level degree programs
  - Three academic years (six semesters) for students in Ph.D. programs
- Professional development funds (up to \$6,000 total) to cover travel expenses for one cybersecurity conference per year.
- SFS recipients are required to participate in an exclusive job fair each January in Washington, DC. Professional development funds are provided to cover related expenses.
- SFS recipients must serve in a government cybersecurity-related paid internship during each summer semester.
- SFS recipients must commit to work after graduation for an approved government position related to cybersecurity for a period equal to the length of the scholarship.
  - SFS students may be employed by Federal, State, Local, Tribal, or Territorial government; or a Federally Funded Research and Development Center.
- More DOD CySP Program Information:
  - Main Website: <https://sfs.opm.gov/Student/Overview>
  - FAQ Link || <https://sfs.opm.gov/Student/FAQs>

#### **Department of Defense Cyber Scholarship Program (DOD CySP) benefits:**

- Full tuition and fees
- Annual stipend
  - \$27,000 for undergraduates
  - \$32,000 for graduate students (Master's and Ph.D.)
- Reimbursement for books (from required book list)
- Scholarship Duration
  - Two academic years (four semesters) for students in **Bachelor** and **Masters** level degree programs
  - Three academic years (six semesters) for students in **PhD** programs
- CySP recipients will be paired with a Department of Defense employer at the time of scholarship award and must agree to intern with and work for that employer after graduation.
  - Internships are required during each summer semester.
  - The length of employment period is equal to the length of scholarship funding received.
  - CySP students may be employed by agencies approved by the DOD.
- More DOD CySP Program Information:
  - Main Website || <https://www.dodemergingtech.com/cyber-scholarship-program-cysp/>
  - Application Link || <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu?agency=DDW&portal=CYSP>

### **Eligibility for Scholarship**

To be eligible to apply for the SFS and CySP scholarships, the applicant must be a full-time student with a suitable minimum GPA (see chart below). The applicant must also maintain the minimum GPA while in the program.

<b>GPA Minimum</b>	<b>SFS</b>	<b>CySP</b>
Undergraduates	3.0	3.2
Graduates	3.2	3.5

Eligible majors are listed below.

- BS in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Electrical Engineering, Mathematical Sciences
- BS in Business Administration - Information Systems (Cybersecurity and Information Assurance Concentration)
- MS in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Electrical Engineering, Software Engineering with Cybersecurity Concentration
- PhD in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mathematical Sciences,
- Other degrees with a cybersecurity focus may be applicable.

### **Application Process**

DOD applications **must be** completed online via the designated portal. SFS applications must be submitted to the University. All application inquiries should be directed to the CAP Center at [cap@morgan.edu](mailto:cap@morgan.edu). All applications must be received by **January 15th** of the application year.

**Additional Information.** Failure to satisfy the academic requirements of the program or to complete the service requirement will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award, which will revert to a student loan with repayments pro-rated accordingly to reflect partial service completed. The institution is responsible for collecting the repayment amounts, including interest, consistent with the provisions of part B or D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. All forfeited scholarship funds, less grantee costs associated with collection of the repayment not to exceed 5% of the forfeited amount, will be returned to the United States Treasury and may not be re-used by the awardee institution. Scholarship recipients in coordination with the institution and the PI may petition the NSF Program Office to waive or suspend repayment of scholarships in cases of extreme hardship or other circumstances that would preclude the fulfillment of the service obligation.

### **Contact:**

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\*NOTE: All questions regarding degree and scholarship programs should be sent to:

Director of Academic Engagement & Outreach || LaDawn Partlow || [ladawn.partlow@morgan.edu](mailto:ladawn.partlow@morgan.edu)

## **Application Checklist**

**Each application consists of the following:**

- **A signed cover letter** that provides the applicant's full name and the following information.
  - Whether the applicant is a citizen or lawful permanent resident (green card) of the United States.
  - Applicant's current academic progress (BS, MS, or PhD student).
  - Specific degree level and major the applicant will pursue while on scholarship.
  - Date of anticipated graduation.
  - Motivation for applying and interest in cybersecurity.
  - Any current or past security clearances held.
  - Any current or past military service.
- **Official ACT or SAT score** for undergraduate applicants (unofficial scores are acceptable for MSU students)<sup>1</sup>.
- **Official GRE score** for graduate applicants, if applicable (unofficial scores are acceptable for Morgan students)<sup>1</sup>.
- **The CySP Student Application** (page 1-4) – must be electronically filled out.
- **Official transcripts** from all post-secondary institutions attended by the applicant. MSU students may request electronic transcripts from the National Student Clearinghouse.
- **Resume** in the DoD CySP Application Resume Template (available upon request).
- **Recognitions, Honors, Awards** (DoD CySP New Student Application page 5). Attach a separate sheet of plain 8 ½" x 11" paper highlighting recognitions, honors, distinctions, and awards. Indicate your name.
- **2 Letters of Reference** on official letterhead. Adhere to the strict Letters of Reference requirements on DoD CySP New Student Application page 5.
- **Supplemental Competency Statement: Knowledge, Skills and Attributes:** You will provide narrative responses that describe the level of your attainment of the specific knowledge and ability factors.
- **Acknowledgement of the Supplemental Statement of General Academic and Employment Conditions (OF612)**
- **Experience in cybersecurity:** however, applicants are encouraged to answer the questions by relating to any applicable past experiences. Applicants may also relate how their future plans and career goals will help them meet the competency areas. Be sure to address all competency areas.

**Selection Process.** All complete applications received by **January 15th** of the application year will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. Committee recommendations will be based upon prospective students' likelihood for success in their chosen degree program and predicted success in search for cybersecurity employment at approved government organizations.