



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 Service Academy (CSA). 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
- SFS recipients are required to participate in an exclusive job fair each January in Washington, DC.
- 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 CSA Program Information:
 - Main Website: <https://sfs.opm.gov/Student/Overview>
 - FAQ Link || <https://sfs.opm.gov/Student/FAQs>

Department of Defense Cyber Service Academy (DOD CSA) benefits:

- Students selected as DoD CSA Scholars will receive the full cost of tuition, books (from the institution/degree specific required book list, not books which are optional for the class), required fees (including institutionally provided health care), a one-time laptop/computer purchase, and travel support to attend a cyber-related conference.
- Annual stipend
 - \$25,000 for community college students
 - \$29,000 for undergraduates
 - \$34,000 for graduate students (Master's 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 **PhD** programs
- CSA 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.
 - CSA students may be employed by agencies approved by the DOD.
- More DOD CSA Program Information:
 - Main Website || <https://www.dodemergingtech.com/dod-programs/cyber-service-academy-csa/>
 - Application Link || <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu?agency=DDW&portal=CSA>

Eligibility for Scholarship

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

GPA Minimum	SFS	CSA
Undergraduates	3.0	3.2
Graduates	3.2	3.5

Eligible majors are listed below.

- BS in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, and Electrical Engineering
- 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.
- Each major is subject to review and approval by the Principal Investigator of the University's scholarship program.

Application Process

DOD applications **must be** completed online via the designated portal. SFS applications must be initiated by the University via DocuSign. All application inquiries should be directed to the CAP Center at 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 scholarship programs and application inquiries should be sent to:
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Application Checklist

An acceptable application package for the DoD CSA consists of the following requirements:

- **The DoD CSA Student Application completed, certified, and submitted online through the DoD Cyber Service Academy Scholarship Program. The following items will be included in the application:**
 - Official (certified) Transcripts from all the institutions of higher learning you have attended. Electronic transcripts may be accepted as long as they are certified by the institution.
 - Current resume (template provided with the application).
 - List of Recognitions, Honors, and Awards.
 - One (1) Letter of Reference from a current faculty member who is fully knowledgeable of your potential for successful learning, your knowledge, and your ability. See remainder of application package for instructions about the content of this Letter of Reference. Letters must be on University letterhead and contain the full name and contact information of the faculty member (phone, email, and address).
 - One (1) additional Letter of Reference from either a current or former faculty member, or a current or former supervisor who is fully knowledgeable of your potential for successful learning, your knowledge, and your ability. See remainder of application package for instructions about the content of this Letter of Reference. Letters must be on official letterhead and contain the full name and contact information of the faculty member or current/former supervisor (phone, email, and address).
- **Supplemental Competency Statement: Knowledge, Skills and Attributes: You will provide narrative responses that describe the level of your attainment of the knowledge and ability factors indicated below.**
 - Knowledge of the techniques of the cybersecurity discipline, including encryption, access control, physical security, training, threat analysis, and authentication.
 - Knowledge of the human factors in cybersecurity, including human computer interaction, design, training, sabotage, human error prevention and identification, personal use policies, and monitoring.
 - Ability to identify and analyze problems, distinguish between relevant and irrelevant information to make logical decisions, and provide solutions to individual and organizational problems.
 - Ability to consider and respond appropriately to the needs, feelings, and capabilities of different people in different situations; is tactful, compassionate and sensitive, and treats others with respect.
 - Ability to make clear and convincing oral presentations to individuals or groups; listens effectively and clarifies information as needed; facilitates an open exchange of ideas and fosters an atmosphere of open communication.
 - Ability to express facts and ideas in writing in clear, convincing and organized manners appropriate to the audience and occasion.
- **Acknowledgement of the Supplemental Statement of General Academic and Employment Conditions ([OF612](#)). If you agree with the all of the academic and employment conditions required for your receipt of scholarship assistance and appointment under the DoD CSA, and wish to be considered for it, you must review and acknowledge the [OF612 Supplemental Statement of General Academic and Employment Conditions](#), which is referenced multiple times in the application.**

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.