

# 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 scholarship housing award, combined with a cooperative living experience, for those attending the Florida State University, Tallahassee Community College, the University of Florida, Santa Fe College, 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 3.0 minimum GPA, and are positive members of their 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  
SANTA FE COLLEGE \* TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

[www.southern scholarship.org](http://www.southern scholarship.org)

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

## REQUIREMENTS

1. Achieve 3.0 unweighted, cumulative GPA (college or high school).
2. Demonstrate financial need.
3. Demonstrate high motivation.
4. Share household duties and responsibilities in a positive, cooperative spirit.
5. Be a citizen or resident alien.

## APPLY EARLY

### PERSONAL INTERVIEW AND TOUR

After submitting a completed application with all required documents, applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with SSF staff in Tallahassee or Gainesville. Interviews can be conducted in person or via Skype. 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 — **Priority Deadline is March 1**. 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.

### COLOR 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. Send only most current 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 FAFSA. 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.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY

Although you are not eligible for federal financial aid, you must demonstrate financial need utilizing the EFC Formula Guide. International students must also provide residency documentation, including visas and residency cards.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

**UF, SFC, & 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: \_\_\_\_\_  UNDERGRADUATE or  GRADUATE

CAMPUS:  FSU  TCC  UF  SFC  FAMU  FGCU (women only) INTENDED MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL INFORMATION

CELL PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT 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 ETHNICITY (optional):  White  Black/African American  Hispanic  Bi-Racial  
 American Indian  Asian  Pacific Islander  Other \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?  Yes  No If yes, visa type: \_\_\_\_\_

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

DO YOU HAVE SIBLINGS WHO LIVED AT SSF?  Yes  No If yes, full name: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICE/ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS?

Key Club  Rotary/Interact Club  C.A.R.E.  Service Scholars  N.H.S.  Anchor Club

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.

EDUCATIONAL 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: \_\_\_\_\_

UNWEIGHTED CUMULATIVE GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT SCORE: math \_\_\_\_\_ + verbal \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ ACT SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTAL INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN #1 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT #: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN #2 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT #: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

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/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  
 COLOR PHOTO HERE