

Application to NSF Scholarship for Service Program (SFS)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Permanent Address _____

Preferred mailing address for scholarship correspondence (if different from above) _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Another contact in case we cannot reach you: Name _____

Phone _____

I am a citizen of the United State of America.

I have listed all colleges or universities I have attended below, starting with the current institution in which I am enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) as of the date of this statement:

Institution	City, State	Dates Attended	Degrees Earned (or Expected)
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GPA/Base at the foregoing institution: _____/_____ (Ex: 3.7/4.0)

GPA/Base at the foregoing institution: _____/_____

I am a resident of the state of _____ for tuition purposes.

I have attached a **statement of purpose** describing my goals and motivations to pursue a career in Information Assurance and computer security.

I have attached my **official transcript(s)** from all of the colleges and universities listed above that I have attended outside of NC A&T.

I have attached plain 8 ½” x 11” paper on which I have indicated my name and social security number, and described any **academic** recognitions, honors, distinctions, or awards that I have received.

I have requested that *at least* two (2) **Letters of Reference** from current or recent faculty members to be sent to Scholarship for Service c/o Xiaohong Yuan, Department of Computer Science, North Carolina A&T State University, 1601 E. Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27411. Additional letters may be included from employers or supervisors who are familiar with your abilities. Each letter contains the name, position or title, telephone number, email address, and institutional or organizational address of the referee. In addition, I have requested that each referee refer to and address the following factors:

a. The relationship of the referee to you. (The referee states whether the information is based on an academic or employment relationship.)

b. The length of the relationship. (The referee states how long he or she has known you.)

c. An assessment of your potential for academic success and fulfillment of degree requirements. (Advise your referees that your college or university will base a determination of your academic sufficiency, in part, on the letters of reference that you submit.)

d. An assessment of your knowledge and ability in the following six (6) competency areas:

- Knowledge of the techniques of the information security discipline, including encryption, access control, physical security, training, threat analysis, and authentication.
- Knowledge of the human factors in information security, 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.

In order to receive financial assistance (a scholarship) under the Scholarship for Service Program, you must agree to reimburse the United States should you voluntarily terminate your employment with the U.S Government before the end of your period of obligated service.

In order to receive financial assistance (a scholarship) or an appointment under the Scholarship for Service program, you must agree to sign certain forms authorizing a background investigation to permit the appointing agency to make a determination as to your suitability for federal employment.

By signing this application, I acknowledge that the information given above is true and correct:

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____