

SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



Financial Need

Financial Need is determined by the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). An EFC above 07500 requires an extenuating circumstance.



3.0 GPA

A minimum 3.0 unweighted state GPA or 675 GED score is required to be considered. Any applications submitted with a GPA below 3.0 or 675 will not be considered.



Excellent Character

Character is provided by the letters of recommendation submitted with the application. We look for young adults who are involved in the community, have worked, and still maintain a high GPA.

University Acceptance

Applicants must be accepted to one of our seven university partners:
FGCU; UF; SC; TCC; FAMU; FSU; FCT
There are Pilot Scholarship Houses at FSU, FGCU and UF (2).

MUST APPLY ONLINE.

Go to southern scholarship.org, at the bottom of the home page, click on Applicants; after Official SSF House Tour picture, there's **Ready to Apply?** Click **Apply Now.**

FAQ

Application

If I would like to be considered for multiple campuses, what should I do?

Applicants who are interested in being considered for more than one campus will need to submit multiple applications, i.e. applying for Flagler-Tallahassee/FSU/FAMU/TCC campus and UF/SFC/FGCU will be two separate applications (requiring two separate e-mail addresses).

I have been placed on the waiting list. How likely am I to get a spot and when will I find out?

Throughout the semesters, vacancies tend to arise at SSF. If and when this occurs, the Director of Student Affairs will carefully consider all wait listed students for any vacancies. SSF cannot guarantee that a spot will open. It is advisable for all wait listed students to continually check their email for updates. All applicants are encouraged to secure on-campus housing. SSF has a partnership with most housing departments. If selected for a scholarship, most housing departments will release you of your dorm contract with proof of acceptance into SSF. However, SSF cannot release you from an apartment lease or sublease.

Do I have to re-apply each year?

All current residents are instructed to complete a Scholarship Renewal Application at the end of each spring semester. As long as the resident is not on Academic or Conduct Probation, completes the application on-time & correctly, and has maintained the basic scholarship requirements (3.0 cumulative GPA, EFC below 7500, and cooperative living within the house), the resident's scholarship is renewable for the following year.

All applicants must re-apply to be considered for the next semester. You will be notified via email when your application has been moved back to drafts. Once it is in drafts, you will again have the access to edit and submit your application.

For FAMU Residents – Does living on the SSF FAMU campus qualify as on-campus housing?

Yes, it does, and satisfies the first year requirement for students.

How do I submit my letters of recommendation?

When you first log-in to your application there is a screen with three options Create or Edit Application, Add or Edit Recommendation Requests, Logout. You may have to logout and log back into your application to see this screen.

Who do I email with questions or concerns?

Admissions@SouthernScholarship.org

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How much do I have to pay to live in the scholarship houses?

Upon acceptance to SSF, each student must pay a \$300 reservation fee. The reservation fee is a one-time fee, paid directly to SSF, of which \$150 is refundable when a student leaves SSF (in good standing). To live at SSF, residents pay a Food & Service Bill that averages \$970 statewide and is paid directly to the house you are assigned. Each house has its own checking account to cover the household expenses of food, utilities, cable, laundry, parking, wireless internet, fire monitoring, and maintenance.

What if I do not have the \$300 of the Food & Service Bill on move in day?

Each student must pay at least \$300 to receive keys and move into the house. If you do not have \$300 upon move-in you will need to contact the Director of Student Affairs as you may not be able to move in without it.

How do I pay my Food & Service Bill?

Each resident must pay their Food & Service Bill directly to their scholarship house using check or money order only. Please make all checks out to your specific scholarship house.