



DEFENDING AMERICA'S CYBERSPACE

# Federal Cyber Service: Scholarship For Service

## Syracuse University

### Academic Year 2011-2012 Graduate Student Application

### Deadline: March 15, 2011

Scholarship For Service (SFS) is a unique program that is designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of government information security professionals at the federal, state, and local levels. This program is available only to individuals who are accepted to or are currently enrolled in certain masters or doctoral degree programs at Syracuse University. The SFS scholarship provides one-year or two-year scholarships that fund 18 credit hours per year of tuition costs and a yearly stipend of \$12,000 in return for working for a government agency after graduation. One year of government service is required for each year of SFS scholarship funding. The scholarships are supported through grants to universities that are awarded by the National Science Foundation. Additional information on SFS can be found at <http://www.sfs.opm.gov>. Dr. Scott Bernard is SU's SFS PI/Program Director.

To qualify for a SFS scholarship an applicant must be a U.S. citizen with a competitive academic record. It is common for SFS graduates seeking information security positions with a government agency to be required to undergo a background investigation to obtain a security clearance. Criminal convictions may prevent approval for a security clearance.

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### Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution

Degree

Date

Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ GRE scores (if taken): V \_\_\_\_\_ Q \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_

SFS scholarships are available only to current or prospective full-time graduate students who have been accepted to a Master's or Ph.D. program in the following schools. As part of the SFS program, scholarship students must be enrolled in one of two Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) programs at SU that relate to IT security. Please indicate your current or intended affiliations:

\_\_\_ College of Engineering and Computer Science      \_\_\_ Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

\_\_\_ Newhouse School of Public Communications      \_\_\_ School of Information Studies

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) program:

\_\_\_ CAS in Systems Assurance

\_\_\_ CAS in Information Security Management

**The following is the process to apply for the SFS scholarship:**

1. Review the SFS program information on the website at <http://www.sfs.opm.gov> to confirm interest and eligibility (e.g., U.S. citizen, accepted/enrolled graduate student, background).
2. Complete the cover sheet (page 1) and return it and the following documentation to Bridget Crary in Hinds Hall Room 245 at least 7-days prior to the planned interview dates (see below).
  - Undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
  - A one-page essay explaining (1) your educational and career objectives; (2) how you will support the larger national goals for which the SFS program was created.
  - Any letters of recommendation that should be considered.
  - Any additional information that should be considered.
3. Interview selection decision by SFS Program faculty.
4. Scholarship selection decision by SFS Program faculty based on application materials and interview. Notification is made by Dr. Bernard in the February – April timeframe.

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**Interviews:**

Applicant interviews are conducted on campus in February 2011 through March 2011. *Early applications are encouraged* and those students selected for interview will be notified of the date, time, and place via phone and or email. Please note that this application is for SFS scholarship funding during Academic Year 2011-2012 (begins August 2011) and is dependent upon renewal of funding from the National Science Foundation. Dr. Caicedo’s phone number is 315-443-1363 if you have application or interview questions.

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**Mail or Hand-Deliver All Application Materials to:**

Bridget Crary  
Applications Processor  
Hinds Hall, Room 245  
Syracuse University  
Syracuse, NY 13244-1200