The elite group of students chosen to participate in the Scholarship For Service program will assist in one of the most prominent challenges facing our nation today: the protection of our critical information systems infrastructure.

The Internet and a complex web of private information systems have become the lifeline of virtually every American business, non-profit organization, and government agency. Our ever-increasing dependency on these systems increases our vulnerability to accidents, intrusion, and sabotage. America must ensure that we can defend our information infrastructure, a vital resource for the protection of our country and the world.

Does the world of cyber security intrigue you? Are you eager to match wits with prospective intruders, anticipate attacks, and create contingency plans to maximize information security? If you are, we want you to join us.
The National Science Foundation (NSF) has identified and provided grants to a small number of schools qualified to train the Information Assurance professionals who will lead this critical effort. Meanwhile, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is looking for students with the vision, drive, and commitment to public service necessary to succeed. Together, NSF and OPM bring you the Scholarship For Service program.

**Generous Scholarships**

If you are awarded a Scholarship For Service, you will receive:

- Full tuition scholarship
- Room, board, and equipment compensation
- Annual stipend of $8,000 to $12,000, depending on your level of study
- Career development opportunities
- Job placement after graduation

In return, you must certify that you will pursue studies in Information Assurance and serve at a Federal agency for a period equivalent to the length of your scholarship or one year, whichever is longer.

**Excel In Your Career**

The Scholarship for Service program strongly emphasizes career development. If you receive funds for more than one year, you may serve an internship before you graduate. After graduation, you will be appointed to a position appropriate for your skills to fulfill your commitment for service. Here, you will apply your expertise and gain valuable on-the-job experience. Federal employment affords you an unparalleled opportunity for accelerated professional and salary advancement.

**To Be Eligible...**

You must be:

- Pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree at a participating institution of higher education
- Attending school on a full-time basis while receiving the scholarship
- Willing to pursue studies with an emphasis on Information Assurance
- A citizen of the United States
- Eligible for Federal employment
- Able to obtain security clearance if necessary

The security of America's infrastructure may depend on you!

Contact a Principal Investigator at a participating Center of Academic Excellence today!

For information regarding participating academic institutions, contact the Scholarship For Service Program Office.

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- Computer Science
- Information Technology
- IT Systems Management
- Internet Programming
- Software Design
- Hardware Design
- Public Policy/Political Science
- Security
- Investigation
- Electrical Engineering
- E-Commerce
- Business Management

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Your future awaits...

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