

USF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PREVIEW 2024



CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Below are questions to assess your eligibility for our scholarship opportunities. Please answer each question truthfully. All applicants who successfully pass the eligibility check must demonstrate that they meet each criterion through the application and required uploads. All answers must be true for the 2024-25 academic school year to be eligible to apply for a scholarship.

CITIZENSHIP

I am a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, except as specified with Education Unidos/IME-Becas Scholarships.

RESIDENCY

I am and will continue to be actively residing in Cochise County or I reside in Sonora, Mexico, but I am actively working in Cochise County and only applying for Education Unidos or IME-Becas.

UPPER DIVISION COURSEWORK

I will be enrolled in six or more units of upper-division (Junior/Senior) undergraduate coursework, or I will be enrolled in five or more units of graduate/doctoral coursework, or I will be enrolled in a certificate program at an accredited institution by July 15, 2024.

GPA

I am an undergraduate or certificate-seeking student with a minimum 2.75 GPA or I am a graduate/doctoral student with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

QTR BENEFITS

I confirm that I am not eligible for Qualified Tuition Reduction (QTR) benefits. Neither myself, my spouse, nor a parent/guardian is employed by a public university in Arizona.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
First Name	
Last Name	
Phonetic Pronunciation of Name	
Birthdate	
Cell Phone Number	
Other Phone Number	
Email Address	
MAILING ADDRESS	
Mailing Address	
City	
State	
Zip code	
CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY	Note: You will need to upload proof of residency in the upload section.
Country of Citizenship	
If not a U.S. Citizen, are you a U.S. Permanent Resident?	Yes or No

ACADEMIC INSTITUTION	
Name of the institution where you will be enrolled by July 15, 2024	
Student ID Number	(Enter 0000 if not currently admitted)
College Name	
Are you seeking a degree or enrolled in a certificate program? (choose 1)	<input type="radio"/> Bachelor's degree <input type="radio"/> Master's degree <input type="radio"/> Doctoral degree <input type="radio"/> Certificate Program
Major or name of certificate program	
Minor (if applicable)	
Number of units enrolled	
Current GPA	
What semester(s) are you applying for a scholarship award? (Note: If graduating in the Fall do not apply for both semesters.)	<input type="radio"/> Both Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 <input type="radio"/> Fall 2024 Only <input type="radio"/> Spring 2025 Only

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
I am eligible and applying for the following scholarship programs. Check all that apply – you will only be considered for those you select and are eligible.
<input type="checkbox"/> MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP - Undergraduates or certificate-seeking students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and graduate students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. <input type="checkbox"/> NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I have completed the 2024-25 FAFSA? <input type="checkbox"/> I will be receiving some need-based aid from my institution <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP Active duty, Veteran, or Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP – Must be enrolled in Applied Computing, Cyber Operations and Intelligence, or Information Operations. <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION UNIDOS SCHOLARSHIP – Must be residing or working within the Douglas, Bisbee, Agua Prieta, Naco Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION UNIDOS – IME-BECAS SCHOLARSHIP – Must be residing or working within the Douglas, Bisbee, Agua Prieta, Naco Area <u>and</u> be a Mexican National or person of Mexican origin. <input type="checkbox"/> JUDY A GIGNAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Must be majoring in business, economics, political science, or related field. <input type="checkbox"/> RICH BESSELMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must reside in the greater Sierra Vista area. • Must be an undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking student enrolled in at least 6 units and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. • Major Requirements: Preference will be given to English, Creative Writing or Creative Writing Minor with a complementary major (e.g., English, Theater, etc.); additional consideration may be given to Government & Public Service, Cyber Operations, Organizational Leadership, or Human Services. • Demonstrate a history of community involvement, leadership, and commitment to the Sierra Vista area. <input type="checkbox"/> SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP – Must provide membership ID number and applicant's relation to SSVEC member. <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE SEEKING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – Non-degree seeking student.

UPLOADS	
Provide proof of actively residing/working in Cochise County	Upload driver's license, AZ identification card, or utility bill
Unofficial Academic Transcripts	Upload the transcript
Provide proof of enrollment	Due by July 15 th if not included with application
Military service	Military only – upload DD214 or current military orders
Proof of Mexican Origin	IMEBecas only – Submit proof applicant was born in Mexico or submit proof of Mexican nationality of either parent

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Note: The essay questions provide the opportunity to showcase the applicant's achievements and aspirations and to express how a scholarship will help them reach their goals. It is critical that the response to each essay question be well-structured, concise, and reflects the applicant's voice. The reviewers are interested in learning about the student's passion, dedication, accomplishments, and goals, not a perfect generic response.

MAJOR: Explain your choice of major: What inspired your interest in your chosen major? What personal characteristics, skills, etc. will enhance your success in this field? How will your study contribute to your immediate or long-range career plans?

Required. Max Limit 500 words.

COMMUNITY: Discuss ways in which you have enriched your community or schools by participation in civic organizations, school clubs, community service projects, or military service (examples of such organizations and clubs would include but are not limited to, Rotary, Kiwanis, AFCEA, Habitat for Humanity, National Honor Society, Key Club, DECA, etc.). Describe how your leadership and service have made a positive difference in your college, community, job, and/or military career.

Required. Max Limit 500 words.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: From a financial standpoint, what impact would this scholarship have on your education and if applicable, your military career?

Required. Max Limit 300 words.

CHALLENGES: Please explain any circumstances or challenges you face that may make continuing your education difficult without additional financial assistance.

Required. Max Limit 300 words.

BI-NATIONAL: How will your professional goals contribute to the Bi-National (United States and Mexico) relationship and improve the lives of citizens of both nations?

Required for Education Unidos Scholarships Only. Max Limit 600 words.

CYBER: How will obtaining your degree or completing the certificate program improve the cybersecurity posture for yourself, your company, and the nation?

Required for CAST Cyber Scholarships Only. Max Limit 750 words.

CONFIRMATION

I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Any external sources utilized are duly referenced. I hereby authorize the release of all information included in this application and its accompanying documents to the University South Foundation Scholarship Committee.