



NATIONAL MERIT[®] SCHOLARS BENEFITS GUIDE*



UNIVERSITY of
SOUTH FLORIDA

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EXCEPTIONAL BENEFITS FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

From lucrative scholarships to exclusive campus services and academic programs, USF offers an unbeatable combination of benefits for National Merit® Scholars. Take advantage of:



Generous Scholarships and Financial Support

- Scholarship covering your full cost of attendance during fall and spring semesters
- Scholarship options for study abroad
- Funding for academic conferences, research and publication
- Access to expert advising in the Office of National Scholarships to prepare you to compete for prestigious national and international awards
- A tuition waiver for your first year of graduate study at USF*
- USF Tradition of Excellence National Merit® Award - \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year)



Exclusive Campus Services

- Admittance to the Judy Genshaft Honors College: small classes, individual faculty mentoring and concierge academic advising
- On-campus housing in our Judy Genshaft Honors College Living-Learning Community
- Research opportunities early in your enrollment at USF
- First-year luncheon with USF leadership



Professional Career, Education and Development Support

- Assistance in securing internships
- Access to free preparatory courses for standardized tests, such as the MCAT®
- Leadership development opportunities with mentoring by faculty and community leaders

**Note: This waiver does not apply to professional programs such as MD, PharmD and others.*





WHY CHOOSE USF?



Three Campuses. Bigger Opportunities.

Seamlessly access university resources and academic programs across three diverse campuses: The large, metropolitan Tampa campus, the midsize, waterfront St. Petersburg campus and the personalized, hometown Sarasota-Manatee campus.



Amazing Location

The Tampa Bay area is a subtropical paradise with award-winning beaches, a thriving arts scene, professional sports teams and vibrant night life. Plenty of sunshine fuels outdoor adventures all year long. (Grab your paddleboard and let's go.)



Plentiful (and Prestigious) Academic Programs

More than 200 undergraduate majors and concentrations are available across all three campuses. Explore, choose and develop your precise academic passion.



Prominent Honors College

Enjoy the extensive resources of a top research university with the personal attention and close-knit community of our top-tier Judy Genshaft Honors College.



Impressive Research Enterprise

You'll have opportunities to study and conduct research with world-renowned faculty as early as your first year.



State-of-the-Art Facilities

Live, learn, and play in some exceptional spaces — from the Tampa campus' multi-screen gaming center (dubbed SkyPad) to Sarasota-Manatee campus' off-site teaching labs (including the Mote Marine Laboratory) and the St. Petersburg campus' waterfront boathouse (where you can learn to sail).



Diverse, Global Community

You'll fit right in. USF is home to a diverse student body of over 45,000 students representing over 145 different countries.

COME VISIT – ON US!

Join us for the Scholars Experience, a personalized visit that lets YOU decide who and what to see on campus. Get a hands-on feel for the spaces where you'll eat, sleep, play and learn.

[Register Here.](#)

See Why We Live Where Others Vacation

While you're in town, take advantage of everything the Tampa Bay area has to offer. Ride a roller coaster at Busch Gardens. Visit our world-famous beaches. Enjoy our international cuisine. And discover what makes our location the ideal place to start your college life.

[Explore the Tampa Region.](#)

NEXT STEP // START YOUR APPLICATION

Apply Now! It takes just 30 minutes, and it's the only application you'll need to complete to qualify for USF's National Merit® Scholar benefits.

Questions about the National Merit® Scholarship program or USF? Please reach out to Winsome Nisbett at scholarships@usf.edu or 813-974-1749 for quick answers.

