

SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

FAQs

Through rent-free housing and cooperative living, Southern Scholarship Foundation supports students who lack financial resources, demonstrate excellent academic merit, and exemplify good character attend institutions of higher education.



What is an Education for Life?

While residing in the SSF scholarship houses, students will not only learn valuable life skills from their community living environment, but will additionally be given access to numerous programs and resources aimed at helping them grow both as students and as community leaders. These programs and resources include: study skills workshops, fiscal responsibility workshops, budgeting seminars, leadership training and conflict resolution.

What does rent-free housing mean?

College students in Florida typically pay approximately \$15,200 per year for rent, food, and living expenses. Living in an SSF rent-free scholarship house, students will only have to pay for food, utilities, cable and internet - usually about \$1,000 a semester - thus saving them and their families, approximately \$13,200 annually or \$52,800 over a typical four-year college career. This Food & Services fee is deposited directly to their house's Food & Services account, allowing each house to operate autonomously.

How are the houses governed?

Each house is supervised by a House Manager, who is trained by the Directors of Student Affairs to lead and mediate, as well as enforce rules provided by the Foundation and universities. Working alongside the House Managers are executive officers who, through their roles, assist in maintaining the house and its residents. Each officer position is voted on by the residents in the house.

Which colleges/universities does SSF serve?

SSF has partnerships with Florida A&M University, Florida State University, the University of Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, Santa Fe College, Tallahassee Community College, and Flagler College - Tallahassee. We currently house 470 students across our 26 scholarship houses, all of which are located near their respective campuses.

When is the right time to apply?

Our application operates on a rolling deadline, meaning applications are accepted year-round; with April 1st and November 1st serving as the priority deadlines for the fall and spring semesters respectively. High school students must be seniors to apply; we also accept applications from college transfer students. Visit www.southernscholarship.org to apply.