

2025-2026 Kosove Undergraduate Scholarship

The Kosove Scholarship program was established by A. Harrison and Ruth Kosove to support and encourage America's youth in the development of educational excellence, personal integrity, leadership abilities and an understanding of American society and world cultures for the purpose of improving relations between all Americans and among nations.

The Kosove Undergraduate scholarship can be awarded to incoming freshmen or a current USF student who will be at the junior level fall 2025.

The Kosove scholarship is a full scholarship that covers the cost of in-state tuition, room and board, books, fees and other expenses as determined by the USF Financial Aid Office for the completion of a USF undergraduate degree. The level of funding for individual student awards shall be reduced to the extent that the recipient receives other merit-based awards and grants. The Kosove Undergraduate Scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years for freshmen and 2 years for juniors as long as recipients meet renewable criteria.

Specific criteria for the Kosove scholarship are as follows:

1. Acceptance into a degree program at the University of South Florida
2. An incoming freshman with a high school grade point average of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
3. Cumulative SAT score (Math and Reading only) of 1250 or higher or a composite ACT score of 28 or higher
4. Demonstrate capacity for leadership and interest in improving the human condition and be otherwise of good character

Application Material needed in order to be considered for Kosove scholarship:

1. A complete USF Kosove Undergraduate Scholarship application
2. A list of awards, scholarships and other special recognitions that show evidence of applicants academic accomplishments
3. A list of activities in which applicant has participated which have provided opportunities to demonstrate leadership, commitment to community, philanthropy or volunteerism
4. A brief statement on applicant's long-term goal
5. An essay discussing significant problem(s) confronting American society or the international community of particular concern to the applicant, said essay shall include one or more positive actions to address problem(s) – No more than 3 typed pages, double-spaced
6. A minimum of two but no more than three letters of recommendation, one of which cannot be from an applicant's present or former professor or teacher

Selection process

Scholarship applications are reviewed by a selection committee. Upon notification from the Alumni Association, a select group of students will be requested to attend an interview with the selection committee before final award decisions are made

2025-2026 Kosove Undergraduate Scholarship Application

Directions: Please fill out the information below and submit application along with additional materials to the Alumni Association at the address listed below

NAME: _____ U-ID: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Which campus will you be enrolled in as a student: ____ Tampa ____ St. Petersburg ____ Sarasota-Manatee
(Please note that majority of meetings and events related to the Kosove scholarship will take place at the Tampa campus)

Check student level for Fall 2025: ____ Freshman ____ Junior

Overall GPA: _____ Major: _____

Are either or both of your parents USF Alumni? ____ YES ____ NO

Name(s) _____ Graduation Year(s) _____

Please see Kosove program description for scholarship criteria and additional application materials requested.

Note: All documentation provided must be typed

Certification: Your signature certifies that all information that you have provided and included in this form is accurate. It also confirms that you meet all eligibility requirements as stated in this document and that the selection committee may review student academic, financial aid and other records as necessary to make awarding decisions. If an applicant is awarded a scholarship, the recipient's name and contact information may be shared with the donor or donor's designee and may be used for publications by USF Advancement.

Student's Signature

Date

Completed application is due **Friday, December 6, 2024**. You can email the application to LaToya Wider at lwider@usf.edu or mail to the following address:

USF Alumni Association
Attn: LaToya Wider
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Tampa FL 33620