



2026-2027 Kosove Society Undergraduate Scholarship

The Kosove Scholars Society was established by the A. Harrison and Ruth Kosove Family to support and encourage academic excellence, personal integrity, leadership skills, and a commitment to the betterment of society by students enrolled at the University of South Florida (USF).

The Kosove Scholarship is one of the University's most prestigious honors and is awarded to outstanding students enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at USF. Eligible candidates include incoming (FTIC) freshmen and rising juniors (with at least two years left to degree completion as of Fall 2026). The Kosove Scholarship includes the Florida Resident rate for undergraduate tuition and fees, a housing stipend, a meal plan, as well as funds for textbooks and course materials. The level of funding for individual student awards will be modified to the extent that the recipient receives other merit based awards and/or grants. Kosove Scholars may apply for additional funding to support activities that enhance their academic careers such as participation in a study abroad program. The Kosove Undergraduate Scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years for freshmen and 2 years for juniors as long as recipients meet performance criteria.

Selection Criteria for the Kosove Undergraduate Scholarship are as follows:

1. Acceptance/enrollment into an undergraduate 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. A rising junior with a grade point average of at least 3.5 while at USF.
4. A cumulative SAT score of 1250 or higher or a composite ACT score of 28 or higher. *Please note: the average SAT score of students enrolled at USF is 1325.*
5. Demonstrated capacity for leadership and academic excellence, as well as an interest in improving the human condition and engaging in regular community service.

Required Application Materials:

1. A complete USF Kosove Undergraduate Scholarship application (cover page below).
2. An organized list of awards, honors, or other special recognitions that demonstrate the applicant's academic accomplishments.
3. An organized list of activities in which the applicant has participated that have provided opportunities to demonstrate leadership, commitment to civic engagement, philanthropy, or volunteerism.
4. A one-page statement concerning the applicant's academic and career goals.
5. An essay discussing a significant problem or challenge confronting American society or the international community that is of particular interest to the applicant. The essay should include one or more possible actions to address the problem – Max 5 pages, double-spaced.
6. A minimum of two, but no more than three, letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an applicant's present or former teacher or professor.

Selection Process:

Only complete scholarship applications are reviewed by the University selection committee. A select group of candidates will be identified for an interview with the selection committee before final award decisions are made. The number of scholarship recipients differs from year to year. Candidates must be able to commit their time and energy to the success of the Kosove Society. Membership in the Society requires a significant time commitment and a willingness to engage in monthly community services projects and activities. The Kosove Society is comprised of both undergraduate and graduate scholars.

2026-2027 Kosove Society 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 2026**: ____Freshman ____ Rising 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 applications are due by 6:00pm on Friday, December 5, 2025. Email your full application as a single PDF file to Dr. LaToya Wider at Lwider@usf.edu or mail to the following address:

USF Alumni Association
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