

2026-2027 Kosove Society Graduate 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 Graduate Scholarship is one of the University's most prestigious honors and is awarded to outstanding students enrolled in a graduate program at USF. Eligible candidates must have at least two years (four semesters) of graduate study remaining at the start of the scholarship period (Fall 2026).

The Kosove Graduate Scholarship includes the Florida Resident rate for basic graduate tuition and fees, a housing stipend, a meal plan, as well as funds for textbooks and course materials. The Scholarship is based on the cost of attending a traditional academic graduate program of study. Students enrolled in USF Health programs and/or Market-Based programs such as Medicine, Nurse Anesthesiology, Physician's Assistant, MBA, or any other post-graduate program with higher programmatic tuition costs (Executive MBA) will receive the equivalent of the basic Florida Resident graduate rate: <https://www.usf.edu/business-finance/controller/student-services/tuition-rates.aspx>. The level of funding for individual student awards will be modified to the extent that the recipient receives other merit based awards, an assistantship, and/or fellowship. Kosove Scholars may apply for additional funding to support activities that enhance their graduate careers such as participation in an academic conference or other scholarly endeavors. The term of the scholarship is two (2) years at the graduate level.

Selection Criteria for the Kosove Graduate Scholarship:

1. Acceptance/enrollment in a graduate program at USF
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better on a 4.0 scale
3. An earned undergraduate degree from an accredited institution
4. Demonstrated capacity for leadership and academic excellence as well as an interest in improving the human condition and engaging in community service

Required Application Materials:

1. A complete USF Kosove Graduate Scholarship application (cover page below).
2. A one-page statement addressing personal and professional goals.
3. A resume (max three pages).
4. An essay discussing a significant problem or challenge confronting American society or the international community that is of particular interest to the applicant. Your essay should include one or more positive actions to address the problem – Max 5 pages, double-spaced.
5. A minimum of two, but no more than three, letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an applicant's present or former 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 graduate scholarship awards 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.

2026-2027 Kosove Graduate Scholarship Application

Directions: Please fill out the information below and submit along with additional application 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: ____Master's ____Doctoral ____Medical/Pharmacy/Nursing

Overall GPA: _____ Degree Program: _____

Are either or both of your parents USF Alumni? ____YES ____NO

Name(s) _____ Graduation Year(s) _____

Please see Kosove Graduate 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, January 9, 2026**. 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
Attn: Dr. LaToya Wider
4202 East Fowler Avenue, ALC 100
Tampa FL 33620**

The USF Alumni Association is the administrative home for the USF Kosove Society.