

USC Summer Programs

Dear Applicant,

On behalf of USC Summer Programs, we would like to invite you to apply for the USC Summer Scholarship for High School Students of Military Families. Highly-motivated high school students of active families in the military can apply to receive a full scholarship to attend a rigorous summer experience for 4-weeks.

USC Summer Programs students preview “freshman year” at one of the world’s leading private research universities, earning college credits, studying in the same classrooms and laboratories, residing in the same residence halls, and dining in the same facilities as USC undergraduates. This scholarship will cover the costs of tuition and fees, airfare, room and board, and course materials.

Application Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be currently in high school grade 10th or 11th.
2. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
3. Applicants must be the dependent of an active U.S. military service member, reservist, or guard.
4. Applicants must demonstrate academic ability, maturity, and a commitment to education and developing community.

How to Apply:

1. Register at <https://usc.smapply.io/>, complete the Program Eligibility and Online Application.
 - If you are currently of active U.S. military service and are living abroad, you are not considered an international student.
2. Request two letters of recommendations:
 - One from a teacher/mentor.
 - One from your school counselor, who will upload a copy of your transcript to their recommendation.

*The completed online application with supporting documents must be submitted by **Friday, January 27, 2023, at 4:00 pm PT**. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. It is your responsibility to confirm all parts of the application have been “Marked Complete” and to “Submit” the application. We will notify applicants once an application is complete via email. Final decision notifications to **all** applicants will be emailed by *mid-February*.*

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please contact our office at summer@usc.edu, **SUBJECT: MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP**.

Best Regards,



V. Sonny Hayes

Director of Summer Programs

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About the USC Summer Programs

Each summer over 600 students from 20 different countries join us for an academically rigorous summer experience. USC Summer Programs extends a tradition of excellence to outstanding high school students through unique 4-Week summer courses. Accepted students will balance academic and campus life as they prepare for college.

USC Summer Programs' courses are taught by USC faculty and experienced professionals of the USC academic community. Our faculty create an engaging academic experience by combining lectures, hands-on workshops and labs, and guest speakers. Each course is designed to be more interactive, engaging and challenging than accelerated high school classes or the broad introductory courses offered by other summer pre-collegiate programs.

Scholarship Overview

USC Summer Programs seeks to enhance, motivate, and inspire students to achieve higher academic, social, and ethical standards. The program is based on the following core values, which Scholars are expected to exemplify:

- A commitment to the value of education
- A commitment to developing community

The 4-week program offers students the chance to preview “freshman year” on a college campus, opening a “window to the world” beyond their own environment. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Enrich their educational experience and explore post-secondary opportunities.
- Strengthen their interpersonal skills by interacting with culturally diverse students from around the world.
- Develop life skills that will enhance their personal and educational success.

The Scholarship

The scholarship sponsors 30 students who are dependents of an active U.S. military member. All Scholars will arrive on Saturday, June 17, 2023, and depart on Saturday, July 15, 2023. The Summer Programs Office will make flight arrangements including Ground Transportation to and from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to the University of Southern California campus.

Academics

The Scholars will take classes and live with other students from across the country in the USC Summer Programs. Scholars may select from a variety of courses offered and will earn 3 units of university elective credit upon successful completion of the course.

Each course is designed to be interactive, engaging and challenging, allowing students to explore new areas of study or build on knowledge from their high school courses. Intended to give students a preview of college academic life, each course awards 3 units of university elective credit. These elective units can be used towards an undergraduate degree at USC or transferred to other colleges and universities.

Please visit us online at summer.usc.edu for more information and the current course offerings.

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Activities & Excursions

Building community is an integral aspect of the USC Summer Programs. Students can enjoy a variety of recreational activities offered in the evenings, created and supervised by the residential staff including: ice cream socials, game night, movies on the lawn, scavenger hunts, intramural & field games, talent shows, and dances. The program explores local attractions on Saturday trips off campus. Past trips have included: Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm Amusement Park, and Santa Monica Beach & 3rd St. Promenade. All residential students are required to attend the Saturday trips off campus unless checked out for the day/weekend with an approved Absence Request. On Sundays, students can enjoy a variety of recreational activities created and supervised by the residential staff.

Residential Life

Students live on USC's University Park campus in renowned residence halls, and dine in USC's premier dining hall. Each Scholar rooms on a single-gender floor ideally with another Summer Programs student who is not in the same course. The Director of Summer Programs and a staff of full-time Residential Advisors are available 24 hours a day and live in the residence halls with Summer Programs students. They help students maintain their busy schedules as well as provide academic support. Residential Advisors also plan recreational activities and social events that are held during the evenings and on weekends.

COVID-19 Policy

USC is carefully monitoring the developments of the COVID-19 virus with the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff being our top priority.

We will continue to follow the guidance of USC's Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S), USC Student Health, and USC Facilities Planning and Management to update our health and safety guidelines and program policies. As we get closer to the program, more details will be provided outlining in-person policies via email to accepted students, as well as, posted on our website.

We are preparing to run USC Summer Programs courses this coming summer on campus as planned, occurring June 18 - July 15, 2023. We are committed to providing our students with a dynamic academic experience, on campus. USC faculty will provide an interactive and academically rigorous college course.

To follow ongoing updates from the university to our community go to:

- [COVID-19 Resource Center](#)
- [In-person youth programs](#)

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Late applications cannot be considered for the scholarship.

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If you have any questions, please contact us at summer@usc.edu or 213.740.5679.

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