



November 1, 2019

Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the University, I am writing to invite you to apply for the 2020 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 the rigorous USC Summer Programs, 4-Week college credit program.

USC Summer Programs students preview “freshman year” at one of the world’s leading private research universities, studying in the same classrooms and laboratories, residing in the same residence halls, and dining in the same facilities as USC undergraduates. The Summer Programs Office will cover the entire tuition and fees, airfare, room and board, and course materials for the student to attend the 4-week college credit program.

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 son or daughter 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.org>, complete the Eligibility Quiz and Online Application
 - If currently 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 completed by: **Friday, January 17, 2020.** Incomplete applications cannot be considered, it is your responsibility to confirm all parts of the application have been “Marked Complete” and “Submit & Review 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonny Hayes".

V. Sonny Hayes

Director of Summer Programs



About the USC Summer Programs

Each summer approximately 600 students from 20 different countries get to view university life from the inside by studying in the same classrooms and laboratories, living, and dining in the same facilities as USC undergraduates. All students benefit from personal academic support of faculty, teaching staff, and residential counselors in the positive learning environment fostered at a top globally recognized Research University.

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 is sponsored by USC Summer Programs Office to provide, approximately 30 full ride tuition that cover the program fees and transportation costs for each Scholar. All Scholars will arrive on Saturday, June 13, 2020 and depart for home on Saturday, July 11, 2020. The Summer Programs Office will make flight arrangements to and from the program. The Scholars will fly into and out of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Ground Transportation from LAX to the USC campus will be provided.

Academics

The Scholars will take classes and live with other students from across the country in the USC Summer Programs. Scholars may select from any of the over 20 courses offered and will earn 3 units of university elective credit upon successful completion of the course.

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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.

In addition to the course in which the student is enrolled, Scholars will be able to participate in the *College Application Process* workshops offered by USC Admission Office.

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

Activities & Excursions

An active social life is an integral aspect of the USC Summer Programs. Weeknight activities include movie and game nights, talent shows, intramural sports, and other activities in the residence halls. Saturdays are spent visiting some of the attractions that make the greater Los Angeles area one of the nation's most popular tourist destinations. In previous summers, students have visited Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm amusement park, and the Santa Monica Pier.

Residential Life

Students live on USC's University Park campus in freshman residence halls, and eat in dining halls that provide them with three meals a day. Each Scholar rooms on a single-gender floor ideally with another Summer Programs student who is not in the same course. The Director and Assistant Director of Summer Programs and a staff of full-time Residential Counselors 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 Counselors also plan recreational activities and social events that are held during the evenings and on weekends.

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Late applications cannot be considered for the scholarship.

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ATTN: MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP
