



Sorensen Institute Financial Aid

The Sorensen Institute does offer limited financial aid for applicants accepted to participate in its programs who might require some financial assistance in order to attend. If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please review this packet carefully.

Requests for financial aid or scholarships will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, the parent organization of the Sorensen Institute, once the selection process is completed.

While program fees cover curriculum, required lodging, and meals provided by Sorensen during programs, program participants are responsible for their own travel and all other expenses including meals not provided by Sorensen. Financial aid applies only to program fees.

The overall amount of financial aid available is dependent on the overall success of attracting financial support for the Sorensen Institute. We are rarely able to cover the entire cost of the program fees but do try to make it easier for successful applicants with financial needs to participate in the program to which they have been accepted.

Financial Aid Process

The financial aid process consists of filling out an application describing a participant's financial needs and planned contribution toward their program fees. Financial aid applications are reviewed by representatives of our parent organization, the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. Financial aid requests are managed after applicants are accepted to programs.

Financial aid applications for the 2024 HSLP are due on March 29, 2024. Applications received after this date may not be considered.

Financial Assistance Payment Plan

The program fee payment for the program is due before the program begins. As a form of financial assistance, accepted participants may opt into a payment plan when they complete the program acceptance packet after admittance. The payment plan will include an additional convenience and processing fee.

The payment plan for the 2024 High School Leaders Program for a shared room (which is the default option for rooming) is a \$850 payment due on each of May 31, June 21, July 12, and July 31, 2024. The payment plan for the 2024 High School Leaders Program for an individual room is a \$950 payment due on each of May 31, June 21, and July 12, and July 31, 2024. Participants who receive financial aid will have any payment plan payments adjusted for any financial aid awarded.



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School or Outside Support

Participants may find it desirable to request that their school pay the program fee or seek funding from outside sources to cover part or all of the program fee. In either event, please coordinate with Sorensen staff so the funds can be properly allocated to the participant's account. However, the ultimate responsibility for payment of the program fee lies solely on the participant.

How to Apply

The parent/guardian of the HSLP applicant should complete the following financial aid application, unless the applicant plans to fully pay for the program fee without assistance from parents/guardians.

Financial aid applications should be filled out and submitted to Paula Campbell, Business Manager of the Weldon Cooper Center, at psc@virginia.edu. Please use the subject line "Sorensen Institute Financial Aid."

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Financial Aid Application

Part 1/3

1. Applicant's First Name	2. Applicant's Last Name
3. Home Address (number and street)	4. Apt. No
5. City, State, Zip Code	
6. County or City	
7. How many people are in your household?	
8. For the purposes of filing taxes, I... (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> ...am a financial dependent ...Skip to Question 10 <input type="checkbox"/> ...am not a financial dependent... Continue to Question 9	
9. How many people in your household are your dependents? Please list names and relationships to you.	
10. Household Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) [IRS Form 1040--- Line 11; 1040A--- Line 21; 1040EZ--- Line 4]	
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Initial here _____	

11. Employer

12. Job Title

13. Length of Employment

14. Does your employer offer any assistance with continuing education, training program costs, or programs such as Sorensen? Please detail.

15. Amount you will contribute toward your program fees

16. Amount you are seeking in financial aid

Your answers for 15 and 16 should add up to your total program fees of \$3,300.00 or \$3,700.00.

17. Use this space to provide any additional information about why you are seeking financial aid that you would like the reviewers of your request to be aware of:

By signing below, I certify the following:

The information above in my application is true and factual to the best of my ability.

I understand that the overall amount of financial aid available is dependent on the overall success of attracting financial support for the Sorensen Institute.

I understand that the Sorensen Institute is rarely able to cover the entire cost of the program fees, and financial aid is designed to try to make it easier for successful applicants with financial needs to participate in the program to which they have been accepted.

I understand financial aid decisions are made by representatives of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

I understand that I am still responsible for paying the remainder of my program fees, according to the deadlines, even if I receive financial aid.

Printed name

Signature

Date