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George Jenkins Scholars Program
Location/phone: SVC 1088, (813) 974-1605
Web address: http://www.sa.usf.edu/jenkins/

The Jenkins Scholars Program is one of the highest funded academic scholarships at USF. The George Jenkins Scholarships are funded through the George Jenkins Foundation, which was founded by the late George Jenkins, the initial founder and owner of Publix Supermarkets.

A select group of Jenkins Scholars are elected annually from a statewide competition of high school seniors who are admitted to USF as freshmen. All of these scholars are economically disadvantaged, but are usually in the top five percent of their high school senior class.

The Jenkins Scholars Program is designed to provide academic and personal support services for all scholars, freshman through senior year. The scholars participate in various scholarly and cultural activities, such as academic monitoring, mentoring activities, academic/personal development seminars, career advising and planned cultural activities with the Jenkins family.

Kosove Scholarship Program
Location/phone: SVC 1088, (813) 974-3087
Web address: http://usfweb2.usf.edu/finaid2/Website/Kosove.htm or http://usfweb2.usf.edu/scholarships/Kosove.asp

The Kosove Scholarship Program makes annual, renewable scholarship awards to undergraduate and graduate students. These awards pay the full cost of Florida-resident tuition, books, housing and food service, or the equivalent costs for students living off-campus. Awards are made for four academic years (fall and spring) to undergraduate freshman, for two academic years to currently enrolled students and transfers, and for two academic years to graduate students.

Academic criteria are used as starting points in the selection process. Assuming academic criteria are met, Kosove Scholars are selected through a rigorous examination of leadership abilities, commitment to community service and demonstrated concern for the global society.

Goals of the Kosove Society
When A. Harrison and Ruth Kosove founded the Kosove Society in 1983, they envisioned a close network of individuals from all professions and fields of study working together as leaders in building a better community for the Tampa Bay area and beyond. The Kosove Society is comprised of current and past Kosove scholarship recipients. To achieve these ambitious and important goals, members of the Kosove Society must be willing to bear a continuing responsibility to service throughout their lives.

• To assume a role of leadership in the USF community by promoting responsible inquiry and debate over issues of genuine concern to the university population.
• To exemplify responsibility as educated citizens through active community service.
• To strengthen and sustain the friendship network which exists between all members of the Kosove Society through social activities and the induction of motivated members.