

AZ CYBER® initiative

"Building Arizona's Cyber Future"

Service for Cyber Scholarship Application

Scholarship Application

1 Personal Information (*Required)

*Full Name: _____

*Email: _____ *Phone: _____

*Home Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip Code: _____

Gender (optional): _____ Ethnicity (optional): _____

2 Eligibility (All fields required)

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," are you a lawful U.S. Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently a senior at an Arizona high school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name & City of School: _____

After graduation, do you intend to pursue a degree in a cybersecurity-related field? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please identify your intended field of study:

- ☐ Cybersecurity
- ☐ Information Technology
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Information Security
- ☐ Other related field

  Name other field: _____

  (Note: Unlisted fields of study are subject to the approval of the Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee)

Have you enrolled - or do you intend to enroll - in ROTC or similar higher education program that includes service in the U.S. Armed Forces? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Name of Program & College/University:_____

Do you currently have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) or higher? ☐ Yes ☐ No

While a 3.0 GPA is required for eligibility, the Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee will consider applicants who answer "No" to this question if they provide sufficient explanation of the circumstances that contributed to their lower GPA (Examples: family commitments, illness, or distress).

Applicants meeting this description must include a brief written explanation with their application materials.

3 Application Documents (All Documents Required)

☐ High School Transcripts

Please submit a copy of the applicant's most recent high school transcript. Unofficial copies of transcripts – including those that have been downloaded, screenshot, or printed and scanned directly from the school's website – are acceptable for submission of the application.

NOTE: Scholarship recipients will be required to submit official transcripts - sent directly from their school - prior to the release of any scholarship funds.

☐ Resume

Please submit a detailed resume highlighting the applicant's involvement in school, community, and professional activities.

☐ Letter of Recommendation

Applicants are required to have one (1) letter of recommendation to accompany their application. Letters must be submitted by the author directly via email at **contact@azcyber.org** or by mail at:

Manuel Felix
CEO & Founder
AZ Cyber Initiative
477 West Crawford Street
Nogales, AZ 85621

Name of the individual writing the applicant's letter of recommendation: _____

Submitted letters should clearly identify the applicant in the subject line or heading.

NOTE: Applications will not be considered complete until the letter is received by the Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee.

4 Financial Need

☐ **FAFSA Application**

Please submit a copy of the applicant's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

REMINDER: To be eligible for the IT Only Takes 1 Scholarship, applicants must demonstrate financial need by documenting an Expected Family Contribution of $10,000 or less on their FAFSA or a low to moderate parent adjusted gross income.

Other extenuating financial circumstances may also be considered, provided the applicant includes a brief written explanation with their application materials.

5 Personal Essay

Applicants must submit a brief (300 to 500 words) written essay addressing some of the following questions or prompts:

- **Why should you be chosen to receive a cybersecurity scholarship and what makes you stand out from your peers?**
- **Describe your personal background.**
- **What – or who – inspired you to pursue a career in cybersecurity?**
- **What – or who – inspired you to serve in the military?**
- **What attributes do you have that will help you succeed in the information security industry?**
- **What skills or attributes to you hope to attain through military service?**
- **What are your goals for your professional career?**
- **When you graduate and secure a career in cybersecurity, what steps can you take to "pay it forward" and support others looking to work in the field?**
- **What, if any, contributions have you already made to the cybersecurity field (Examples: volunteer work, hobbies or extracurricular activities, articles, etc.)?**

Certification

In submitting this application and all required materials, I certify that:

- ☐ **I have read and understand the IT Only Takes 1 Scholarship's Terms and Conditions.** (See next page)
- ☐ **All information provided as part of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**
- ☐ **I give my consent to the sponsoring organization considering this application to use the information provided herein for the purpose of scholarship consideration.**
- ☐ **I also agree that, in the event I am awarded this scholarship, the AZ Cyber Initiative has permission to use my name, picture, and scholarship award information in its publications and promotions.**

Applicant Signature:_____ Date:_____

Completed applications - along with all required materials and attachments - can be submitted via email at **contact@azcyber.org** or by mail at:

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Service for Cyber Scholarship
Terms and Conditions

Service for Cyber Scholarship awards must be spent on tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for coursework in an eligible field of study at an accredited college or university.

Unless otherwise specified, scholarship recipients can recieve awards for a maximum of eight (8) semesters (four academic years).

To remain eligible for subsequent award payments, scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time (12 university credit hours or the equivalent in a professional certification program) and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Prior to the release of any award payment, recipients must provide written proof of enrollment in an eligible program. Proof of enrollment must be sent directly to AZ Cyber Initiative from the institution and document the following:

- Enrollment in the fall semester of the application year
- Acceptance and in enrollment in ROTC or equivalent program
- Number of credits for which student is enrolled
- Program of study
- Student's current cumulative GPA

Award payments will be made by check and sent on the recipient's behalf to the institution where they are enrolled.

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