



"Building Arizona's Cyber Future"

IT ONLY TAKES 1  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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# 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 or professional certification 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)

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](mailto: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 attributes do you have that will help you succeed in the information security industry?**
- **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.)?**
- **Describe any issues or circumstances that may demonstrate why you need the scholarship.**

## Certification

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

- 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.
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Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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If you have any addition questions,  
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