



## 2022-23 DoD Cyber Scholarship Program (CySP)

As an NSA/DHS Center of Academic Excellence, National University students are eligible to apply for the DoD CySP. Students outside of cybersecurity in technical fields and students transferring from community colleges into our BS CYB program are also eligible to apply. Community College students or new MS CYB would need to be accepted at NU by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and start classes in Fall 2022. The DoD estimates awarding scholarships beginning with the Fall 2022 semester.

Students selected as Cyber Scholars will receive:

- **FULL COST** of tuition
- **FULL COST** of required books and tech fees
- **Up to \$1500 for a laptop**
- **A Stipend:**
  - \$27,000 for undergraduate students
  - \$32,000 for graduate students
- **EMPLOYMENT** with the DoD: students selected will be required to work for the DoD for one calendar year for each year of scholarship assistance. (NOTE: Students will be required to accept or decline the scholarship within 15 days of notification; relocation may be necessary.)

## HOW TO CHECK IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:

The application will consist of two parts. **Part One** determines your eligibility for the DoD CySP program.

Use the link below to create a Cyber Scholarship Account and start applying by completing PART ONE. Once Part One is completed and you are eligible, NU faculty will assist you with Part Two.

<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu?agency=DDW&portal=CYSP>

A screenshot of the DoD Cyber Scholarship Program website. The page has a dark header with the title 'DoD Cyber Scholarship Program' and a 'HELP' link. Below the header are navigation links: 'Back to DoD CySP Home', 'Home', and 'Need Help?'. The main content area is white and features a 'WELCOME!' message in red. Below this is a red button that says 'REGISTER TO CREATE YOUR CYBER SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT AND APPLY'. To the right of the text is the DoD seal. Below the seal, there is a paragraph of text stating the deadline is Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. At the bottom of the main content area is another red button that says 'SIGN UP AND START APPLYING'. On the right side of the page, there is a dark sidebar with a 'SIGN UP!' message and a login form with fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and a 'LOGIN' button. Below the login form is a red button that says 'REVIEW THE DOD CYBER SCHOLARSHIP OF612 FORM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION'.

For questions or more information contact NU faculty: Chris Simpson (csimpson@nu.edu) or Debra Bowen (dbowen@nu.edu).



# DoD Cyber Scholarship Program (DoD CySP)

Information To Get  
Started With  
Part One

# DoD Cyber Scholarship Program

The purpose of the DoD CySP is to support the recruitment of new cyber talent and the retention of current highly skilled professionals within the DoD cyber workforce.

# PLEASE NOTE

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The information provided in this presentation is a **summary** of the solicitation. Applicants are responsible for understanding all the program requirements.

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DoD CySP Main Page at:

<https://www.dodemergingtech.com/cyber-scholarship-program-cysp>

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The actual solicitation is the primary document for all information. Doc Library at: (<https://public.cyber.mil/dcysp/documents-library/>)

# Scholarship

Full Tuition

\$1250 for books/tech fees

Laptop (Up to \$1500)

Stipend

- Undergraduate: \$27,000
- Graduate: \$32,000

Full-Time Position: DoD Agencies select students

# Student's Obligation

Accept or decline the scholarship within 15 days of notification

Maintain GPA:

- Undergraduate: 3.2
- Graduate: 3.5

Serve in internship positions (if timing permits)

Work for DoD upon graduation

- May need to relocate
- Work one calendar year for each year of scholarship support

Reimburse the government if fail to maintain academic progress or do not meet service commitment

# Eligibility:

## Part One of Application

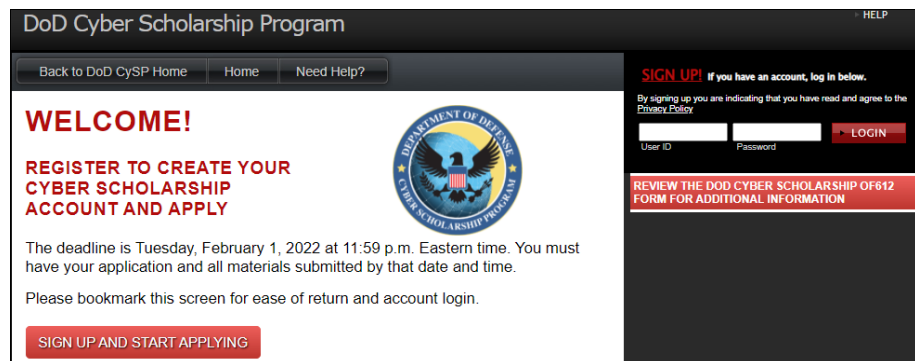
Note: Students cannot be DoD or government employees and need to be enrolled in or applying to a university designated as an NCAE-C (undergrad students need to be in their junior or senior year).

- > ***Federal Employees are not eligible***
- > ***Active-Duty military are not eligible***
- > ***DoD civilian employees are not eligible***

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# Eligibility = Part One

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## Instructions and Acknowledgements

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The DoD is seeking rising second-year NCAE-C community college, junior and senior (third and fourth year) undergraduate, and graduate/doctoral students who are interested in full-ride scholarships for concentrated studies in cybersecurity and other cyber-related disciplines. [Click here](#) for application background and requirements information.

To be considered for the DoD Cyber Scholarship Program, students must agree to certain academic standards and conditions of employment. The OF612 Supplemental Statement of General Academic and Employment Conditions describes those conditions. Read this statement carefully ([click OF612](#)). Before submitting this application, you will be required to certify that you understand each of the academic and employment conditions.

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**Note: Undergraduate students selected must attend full-time.  
Online programs are allowed**

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**Part 1**  
Instructions and Acknowledgements  
**Personal Information**  
**Demographics**  
**General Requirements**  
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**SUBMIT PART ONE**

**Part 2**  
**Professional Summary**  
**Education**  
**Cyber Coursework**  
**Skill Set / Certifications**  
**Experience / Work History**  
**Key Projects**  
**Recognitions, Honors, and Awards**  
**References**  
**Letters of Reference**  
**Competencies**  
**Military Service and Veterans**  
**Agency Preferences**  
**Cyber Work Roles of Interest**  
**Languages**  
**Computer Programming Languages**  
**Security Clearance**  
**Review Supporting Documents**  
**Review and Print This Application**  
**CERTIFY AND SUBMIT**



# Role of NU Faculty Supporting DoD CySP

Promote the program

Assist students with Part One and Part Two: Once a student begins the application process the faculty supporting the DoD CySP will reach out to students.

Provide an endorsement for each applicant

- Highly Recommend
- Recommend
- Not Recommend

Submit all eligible applications by 28 February 2022

## Additional Points of Accepting this Scholarship

- Students may need to move.
- Even if marijuana is legal in your state, it is **not** for DoD employees.
- Students will be required to complete a background check that leads to a decision on your security clearance as a condition of future employment with the DoD. Drug tests or other suitability processing will occur as appropriate.
- Salary may be lower compared to private sector.
- Students should not compare compensation to other scholarship recipients. Each student is reviewed by the selecting Agency and several factors are taken into consideration, including education level, certifications, experience, etc.

# Application: Part Two

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- Experience / Work History
- Key Projects
- Recognitions, Honors, and Awards
- References
- Letters of Reference
- Competencies
- Military Service and Veterans
- Agency Preferences
- Cyber Work Roles of Interest
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**CERTIFY AND SUBMIT**

Transcripts may be official or unofficial – **if selected** an official transcript will be required.

○ Honors (H) to Fail

### TRANSCRIPTS

**MANDATORY: Attach current transcripts that validate the GPA you identified above.**

\* These transcripts can be unofficial or official. Failure to attach your transcripts will deem the application package to be incomplete, and you will not be considered for the DoD CySP. If you attach an unofficial transcript and are selected to receive a scholarship, you will be required to provide official transcripts to the DoD CySP Program Office.

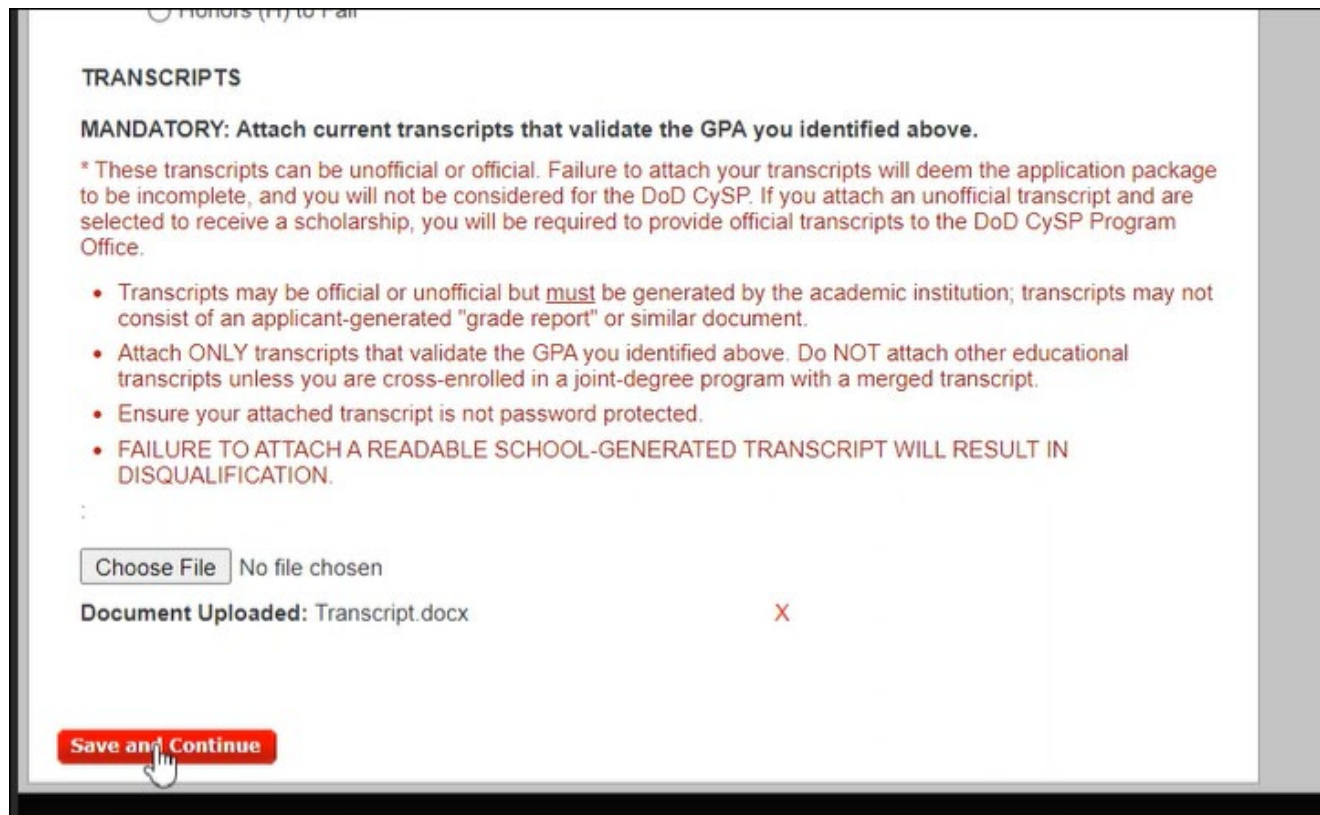
- Transcripts may be official or unofficial but must be generated by the academic institution; transcripts may not consist of an applicant-generated "grade report" or similar document.
- Attach **ONLY** transcripts that validate the GPA you identified above. Do **NOT** attach other educational transcripts unless you are cross-enrolled in a joint-degree program with a merged transcript.
- Ensure your attached transcript is not password protected.
- **FAILURE TO ATTACH A READABLE SCHOOL-GENERATED TRANSCRIPT WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

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# Resumes

Traditional resumes will not be submitted. The new DoD CySP application tool will prompt students to fill in the required resume information. Students will be asked to provide the following:

- a) Education: include degrees, institutions, location, date of graduation (or expected date of graduation); major/minor fields; GPA
- b) Experience: jobs, internships, and/or volunteer work. Include name of company, position, and dates employed. List at least three important tasks, accomplishments, or skills gained at each job. Also identify any clearance level held. It is important that you identify the number of hours per week you worked.
- c) Skills: include computer systems; programs which you are proficient. Include foreign languages. List any other skills, certifications, clearance levels you may hold.

**START NOW!!**

Letters of  
Reference /  
Recommendation

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**TWO (2) Letters of Reference/Recommendation** from persons knowledgeable of your potential for successful learning, as well as your knowledge and ability.

At least one of these letters must be from a current faculty member [or a most current faculty member], and the second letter may be from either a current or former faculty member, or a current or former employer.

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Letters should be a PDF copy of the original version uploaded through the new application tool. Letters should be on official company/institution letterhead, include the contact information to confirm the letter is valid (full name, mailing address, phone number, email address) and must be signed by the author.

Emailed letters will not be accepted.

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**ON THE NEXT PAGE: Important information regarding the LOR content that many applicants miss!**

# Letters of Reference Content...Each LOR Must Address the following:

1. The relationship of the referee to you. (The referee should state whether the information is based on an academic or employment relationship.)
2. The length of the relationship. (The referee states how long they have known you.)
3. An assessment of your potential for academic success and fulfillment of degree requirements. (Advise your referees that your college or university will base a determination of your academic sufficiency, in part, on the letters of reference that you submit.)
4. **An assessment of your knowledge and ability following the six (6) competency areas:**
  - a) Knowledge of the techniques of the cybersecurity discipline, including encryption, access control, physical security, training, threat analysis, and authentication.
  - b) Knowledge of the human factors in cybersecurity, including human computer interaction, design, training, sabotage, human error prevention and identification, personal use policies, and monitoring.
  - c) Ability to identify and analyze problems, distinguish between relevant and irrelevant information to make logical decisions, and provide solutions to individual and organizational problems.
  - d) Ability to consider and respond appropriately to the needs, feelings, and capabilities of different people in different situations; is tactful, compassionate and sensitive, and treats others with respect.
  - e) Ability to make clear and convincing oral presentations to individuals or groups; listens effectively and clarifies information as needed; facilitates an open exchange of ideas and fosters an atmosphere of open communication.
  - f) Ability to express facts and ideas in writing in clear, convincing and organized manners appropriate to the audience and occasion.

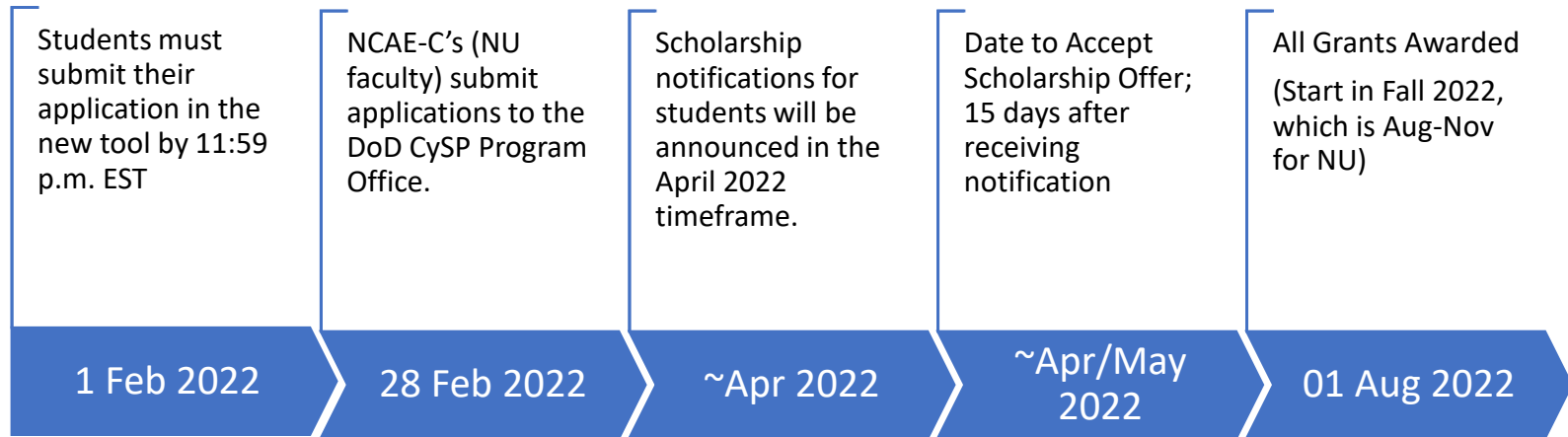


## Items to Consider For Clearance Processing:

# Clearances

- Illegal Substance Usage (this includes marijuana even if legal in state you live) / Underage Drinking  
Foreign Contacts / Work / Study Abroad / Dual Citizenship
- Financial Debt
- Membership Organizations

# Key Dates



# Questions

- For general questions about the program and application process, email NU faculty:
  - Chris Simpson at: [csimpson@nu.edu](mailto:csimpson@nu.edu)
  - Debra Bowen at: [dbowen@nu.edu](mailto:dbowen@nu.edu)
- For other questions about the program, email: [AskCySP@nsa.gov](mailto:AskCySP@nsa.gov)