



DoW CYBER SERVICE ACADEMY RECRUITMENT PROGRAM



The Department of War (DoW) Cyber Service Academy (CSA) **Recruitment Program** provides scholarships to college students (non-DoW civilians) at the undergraduate and graduate levels to study in cyber-related majors at select National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (NCAE-C).

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate:** (required 3.2 GPA out of 4.0)
 - Second year of Associate degree
 - Rising Junior or Senior pursuing a Bachelor's degree
- Graduate:** (required 3.5 GPA out of 4.0)
 - Master's
 - PhD/Doctorate
- U.S. citizen able to qualify for a security clearance
- Currently not a full-time, permanent DoW, Federal Employee, or Active duty military
- Enrolled in a full-time cyber program at a designated NCAE-C (<https://www.caecommunity.org/cae-map>)
- Pursuing a course of study and/or have a declared major in one of the scientific, technical, or managerial disciplines related to cyber or have a concentration in cyber
- Have at least one full academic year remaining in degree program
- Maintain flexibility to move within the continental U.S. to perform internships and final service obligations
- Currently unencumbered to another program with a required service obligation

DoW CSA PROVIDES

- Full tuition and required fees (which may include institutional health care programs)
- Books / Supplies / Security Certification allowance
- One-time laptop/computer purchase
- Stipend to cover room and board
 - \$25,000 for community college
 - \$29,000 for undergraduate students
 - \$34,000 for graduate students

WHY DoW CSA

- Provides students the opportunity to learn first-hand and contribute to securing our nation against the threat of information systems and networks
- Affords the opportunity for consideration for full-time employment after graduation and completion of the program
- Receive progressive, hands-on experience through structured internships with select DoW Components during academic breaks

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 1, 2025**
Application process opens
- February 1, 2026**
Deadline for application submissions
- April 5, 2026**
Final student selection process occurs
- April 14, 2026**
Final announcement of scholarship offers will occur

MORE INFO

LEARN MORE AT

<https://dodcio.defense.gov/Cyber-Workforce/Cyber-Service-Academy/>

QUESTIONS?

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