



Information Security 2026 Scholarship Application

Administered by the ISSA Education Foundation

Supporting ISSAEF General and ISSA Chapter Scholarships

This Scholarship Application, a letter of recommendation (two letters preferred), unofficial transcript(s), and resume must be received from February 1, 2026 through June 15, 2026 for consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

Late or incomplete applications may not be accepted.

Names and photographs of the scholarship recipients may be published on the ISSA Education Foundation website (issaef.org), in the ISSA Journal and on the Foundation social media pages, as soon as confirmed, following the close of the application submission period and final selection.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria that will be evaluated includes:

Academic Excellence: Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher for undergraduates or 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for graduates. Please attach an unofficial transcript from the current or most recent institution.

Work Experience: Security-related work experience and/or completed security coursework.

Community Service: Volunteer work in the cybersecurity, information technology field, or other relevant areas.

Extracurricular Activities: Activities relating to information security, such as volunteer work, attendance at conferences, presentations, publications, and cybersecurity competitions.

Personal Statement: A short narrative describing the applicant's background, chosen academic program, interests and goals in the information security field.

Relevant Certifications/Clubs: List memberships in cybersecurity or information technology professional organizations, certifications or relevant student clubs.

Letters of Recommendation: Provide at least one letter of recommendation, with two preferred, such that one includes a recommendation from a current/former instructor/faculty, cybersecurity employer or cybersecurity association member.

Chapter Scholarships: Must be attending a Chapter designated institution.

2026 Scholarship Application Period Opens February 1, 2026

Attention all future Cybersecurity Professionals. Let ISSA Education Foundation help fund your academic pursuits with the below scholarships. See below for specific scholarships being offered by ISSAEF and ISSA Chapters.

ISSA Education Foundation Scholarships

Must be either at the sophomore, junior, senior or graduate levels to be considered.

- \$3,500 – **Howard A. Schmidt Memorial Scholarship** for undergraduate studies
- \$3,500 – **E. Eugene Schultz, Jr., Memorial Scholarship** for graduate studies
- \$2,000 – **Shon Harris WIS (Women in Security) Memorial Scholarship** for either undergraduate or graduate studies
- \$2,000 - **General Scholarship** sponsored by Docent Institute (open to all applicants)

Alamo ISSA Chapter

- \$2,000 scholarship – **George “Chip” Meadows Memorial Scholarship** – 4-year San Antonio College or University
- Two \$1,500 scholarships – 4-year San Antonio College or University
 - **Alamo Women’s Scholarship:** Focuses on broadening the number of women in the Cybersecurity/Information Security industry.
 - **Alamo Minority Scholarship:** Focuses on broadening the number of underrepresented groups* in the Cybersecurity/Information Security industry. (*Defined as people of color who do not self-identify as White or Caucasian).
- \$1000 – 2-year San Antonio College

Below are some of the eligible Colleges and Universities in the San Antonio, Texas area:

- NE Lakeview College www.alamo.edu/nlc/
- NW Vista College www.alamo.edu/nvc/
- Palo Alto College www.alamo.edu/pac/
- St. Philip’s College www.alamo.edu/spc/
- San Antonio College www.alamo.edu/sac/
- Hallmark University www.hallmarkuniversity.edu/
- Incarnate Word www.uiw.edu/
- Trinity new.trinity.edu
- Univ of Texas at San Antonio www.utsa.edu/

Personal Information

Last Name (Primary)	
Former Name (if applicable) You may be asked for clarification, in needed.	
First Name	
Middle Initial	
Permanent Street Address	
Permanent City	
Permanent State	
Permanent Country/Zip Code	
Permanent Telephone No.	
Alternate Street Address If attending school away from home	
Alternate City	
Alternate State	
Alternate Country/Zip Code	
Alternate Telephone No.	
Cellular Telephone No.	
Primary Email Address	
Alternate Email Address	
Gender	Male Female Do not wish to state

Academic Information

Institution Currently Enrolled	
Institution Attending in Fall 2026	
Institution Business Office (Bursar or Financial Aid) Department Name and Full Address where Check will be Sent	Dept Address City,St,Zip
Academic Program (i.e. BA or BS Cybersecurity, MA or MS Cybersecurity and Information Assurance)	
Planned Field of Study or Concentration	
Scholarship Type (Select all that Apply)	ISSAEF General Scholarships - Undergraduate - Graduate - Women in Security - Docent <u>Alamo Chapter:</u> - "Chip" Scholarship - Women's Scholarship - Minority Scholarship - 2-Year College Scholarship - Chapter Student Member
Current GPA	
Have you been convicted of a felony that involves information or information systems? If so, please explain the crime and adjudication.	No Yes Explain

Academic Qualifications

Undergraduate Studies

Degree/Diploma	Level of Honors	Institution	Normal Program Duration	Years Enrolled		Year Graduated
				From	To	

Graduate/Post-Graduate Studies

Degree/Diploma	Full-time/ Part-time	Institution	Normal Program Duration	Years Enrolled		Year Graduated
				From	To	

Professional/Industry Associations and Certifications

<p>If you currently belong to relevant professional or industry associations please list the name of the organization (e.g., ISSA, ISACA) as well as your level of affiliation (e.g., Student Member, Trial Member, Life Member).</p>	<p>Organization Name</p> <p>Membership Type/Level</p> <p>Membership Number</p>
	<p>Organization Name</p> <p>Membership Type/Level</p> <p>Membership Number</p>
<p>If you currently hold any relevant professional certification (e.g. CISSP, CISA, CISM) please list.</p>	<p>Certification Name</p> <p>Cert Number</p> <p>Issued by</p>
	<p>Certification Name</p> <p>Cert Number</p> <p>Issued by</p>

References

Please provide detailed contact information of **at least one (two preferred)** personal reference that will be providing the letter(s) of recommendation. The primary reference must be an Information Security Faculty Member of your Educational Institution who is familiar with your personal and educational background or an industry management personnel associated with you through a professional relationship. They may not be family members, personal friends, or others outside of these specific areas.

Be sure to request that the recommender send a letter of recommendation on your behalf to application@issaef.org with a subject line of "Recommendation: 'Your Name'" no later than June 15, 2026. You may also attach copies of the letter of recommendation as part of your application packet.

Primary Reference Name	
Relationship	
Email of Primary Reference	
Telephone Number (including area code & country code if outside of the U.S.)	
Alternative phone Number (including area code & country code if outside of the U.S.)	

Secondary Reference Name	
Relationship	
Email of Secondary Reference	
Telephone Number (including area code & country code if outside of the U.S.)	
Alternative phone Number (including area code & country code if outside of the U.S.)	

Relevant Work Experience: Security-related work experience and/or completed security coursework.

Relevant Community Service: List volunteer work in the cybersecurity, information technology field, or other relevant areas.

Relevant Extra Curricular Activities Relating to Information Security: List volunteer work, attendance at conferences, presentations, publications, and cybersecurity competitions.

Student Supplied Personal Statement:

**Short Bio/Chosen Academic Program/Interests/Goals in Information Security
(500 words or less)**

Declaration

I affirm that the information supplied by me on this form is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby authorize the ISSA Education Foundation to obtain details of any enrollment, academic record, examination results, attendance, and addresses in connection with any Scholarship proceeds paid to the University on my behalf.

I give ISSA Education Foundation representatives permission to contact my references for the purpose of discussing my application for an ISSA Education Foundation Award.

I understand that if awarded a scholarship, I may be required to submit certified copies of official academic transcripts that show all subjects taken, grades awarded and an explanation of the grading system, as well as proof of completion and degrees awarded.

I understand that if awarded a scholarship, acceptance constitutes permission to use my name and description of my research for public relations purposes.

I will provide a hi-resolution photo and a brief quotation to accompany any announcements of the scholarship award.

I understand that all scholarship applicants will be screened against the Specially Designated Nationals List (SDN) of the US Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Failure to successfully progress academically requires that I may have to repay some or all of the proceeds of the scholarship.

I am aware that providing false or misleading information results in the withdrawal of any offer of an award to me.

Applicant Signature (your typed name will be accepted as your valid signature)	Date (MM/DD/YY)

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above conditions and all information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Items to submit:

1. ISSAEF Application (pdf format)
2. Unofficial Transcript(s) (pdf format)
3. Resume/Curriculum Vitae (pdf format)
4. Letter of Recommendation(s) (email or pdf format) included in application submission or sent to application@issaef.org with subject of "Recommendation: 'Your Name'".

Completed applications and supporting materials must be submitted in electronic format (pdf) to application@issaef.org. Please note that awardees may be required to submit all the original documentation for verification before the scholarship will be awarded.

For questions, please direct them to Joe Leavitt, Chair, ISSAEF Scholarship Committee, at jleavitt@issaef.org.