LAST MILE EDUCATION FUND
Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship Application Tips

The Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance and career preparation resources to financially vulnerable community colleges students pursuing an associate degree or certificate in cybersecurity or technology related programs. Students enrolled in bootcamps qualify as well! Through this program students will receive:

- One-time $500 cash assistance **OR** a certification exam voucher up to $375
- A FREE 1-year subscription to LinkedIn Premium
- Access to local GitHub sponsored events and GitHub Student Developer Pack
- Global Mentors Initiative *(open to everyone regardless of application status)*

I invite you all to read more about the **mission** of Last Mile Education Fund as well as the **FAQ's page** for more information.

Here are some next steps for you: www.lastmile-ed.org/apply

- Create an account then 2) Click the link in your email inbox to begin your application. *Check your spam folder if you don't see it.*
- Answer the prompts/questions truthfully and exactly as they are stated.
- For funding request amount enter $500
- Download your transcript as a pdf - label it as "firstname lastname transcript"
- Have your LinkedIn profile url ready. *Make your profile has YOUR picture*
- Allow yourself at least 30 minutes to complete the application.

REQUIRED!!! – On the application there is a section where you will type and tell us about your educational journey & plans after completing your program:
Answer the question as it is written BUT you MUST add at least 2-4 additional sentences using one of the following prompts:

1) How can you see yourself utilizing cybersecurity principles in your future career?
2) Describe your genuine interest in cybersecurity.

Use the word "cybersecurity" in your response

Maia Butler serves at the Student Recruitment Specialist for this scholarship. If you have any questions prior to submitting your application, you may reach out to her directly at maia.butler@lastmile-ed.org

- After your application has been submitted, it may not be cancelled or re-opened. Please use this document to ensure you have a full understanding and are submitting a strong application. **Processing may take a minimum of 7-10 business days.**

NOTE: Sometimes emails from us end up in your spam folder, so check that regularly!

If you have issues regarding accessing your Caravan login portal and the application, please contact caravan.support@lastmile-ed.org

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When should you apply?
ASAP! Nothing lasts forever including the remaining funds we have available. If you are eligible, the quicker you submit your application the quicker you can receive your scholarship. Please allow at a minimum of 7-15 business days for us to process your application.

It's been more than 15+ business days and I don't have an update on my application what should I do?
1. Check your email spam folder! Sometimes message end up there.
2. Be patient. During peak season, we receive a high volume of application which means we need extra time to get through them all. All applications are reviewed by a hard working Last Mile team member so please be kind and be patient.
3. Email studentawards@lastmile-ed.org – If you send an email, please include the full name you applied under, your school name, and only email 1 time.

I checked my spam folder and see that I was awarded this scholarship more than 30+ days ago, can I still accept my award? No, unfortunately you must re-apply.
- *If it has been less than 30 days, you need to follow the next steps in that email immediately.*

Do you need a specific GPA or letters of recommendation to apply? NO ☺

Eligibility Requirements
- Currently enrolled in a U.S. community college
- Enrolled in 1 of the following cybersecurity or a related-technology programs
  - Associates
  - Bachelors degree (program is at a community college)
  - Professional certification program
  - Bootcamp
- In-person or virtual, full-time or part-time
- U.S. citizens, international students, and DACA
- All gender identities, all races
- All applicants MUST have an ITIN (if you are an international student) or a social security number in order to accept your award. *No exceptions*

Our funding opportunities are designed to provide the critical support needed for underrepresented and under-resourced students to cross the finish line – the "last mile" of their educational journey.

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:
- Certification licensing exams
- Tuition support, books, and meal plans
- Conferences registration fees or other outside learning opportunities
- Laptops or technology needed for class
- Career-building opportunities
- Home expenses such as rent, utility bills, groceries, etc
- Unexpected medical bills or car repairs

Spend the funds on the things YOU need that will not only keep you in school but help you remain on the path to academic success and program completion!