

Please keep us posted on where you are in the process.

Check Sheet for Department of Defense Cyber Service Academy Applicants

Application Deadline: Submit no later than 11:59 am on February 17, 2026

1.) Carefully review the scholarship requirements to confirm you want to proceed with the scholarship application. At a minimum, please review the links below. Please email Alex Cooper (acooper4@augusta.edu) with any questions or concerns.

- Scholarship Page, which provides general overview of scholarship:
<https://www.augusta.edu/ccs/dod-cyber-scholarship.php>
- Key Scholarship Components Presentation:
<https://www.augusta.edu/ccs/dod-csa-key-components-student-info-2026.pdf>
- Official DoD CSA website outlines recipient obligations that you must agree to:
<https://www.cyber.mil/dod-workforce-innovation-directorate/csa/>
- Part 1: Gathers background information
<https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/r0NsnisrLa>
- Part 2: Focuses on cyber experience
<https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/XMtbEwR6mS>
- Students will be required to complete a security investigation questionnaire to initiate the process for a background investigation:
<https://www.dcsa.mil/Personnel-Vetting/Adjudications/FAQS-Adjudication-and-Vetting-Services-AVS/>

• **Unofficial Transcripts:** Applicants will submit unofficial transcripts to the DoW CSA Program Office directly.

• Due date: 12:00 PM (noon) EST on 17 February 2026.

• Email Subject Line Format: *Applicant Full Name – Institution Name – Unofficial Transcripts*

• Email Address: osd.mc-alex.dod-cio.mbx.dod-csa@mail.mil

• **One (1) Letter of Recommendation:** Must be sent directly to the DoW CSA Program Office by the author not the applicant. The letter should come from a current or most recent faculty member or supervisor who can speak to your potential for academic success and your cyber-knowledge and ability. The applicant is responsible for contacting the author and ensuring the letter is sent by the deadline. Letters sent by the applicant will not be accepted.

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- ***Competitions / Cyber Exercises / Capture-the-Flag Documentation***: Applicants will submit any cyber competition data directly to the DoW CSA Program Office via email.
- Due Date: 12:00 PM (noon) EST on 17 February 2026.
- Email Subject Line Format: *Applicant Full Name – Institution Name – Competition Documentation*
- Email Address: osd.mc-alex.dod-cio.mbx.dod-csa@mail.mil

Complete scholarship application electronically and submit no later than 11:59 am on February 17th.

<https://www.cyber.mil/dod-workforce-innovation-directorate/csa/>