

U.S. Department of Defense CYBER SERVICE ACADEMY (DoD CSA)
Offered through the Computer Science Department at WPI
2025-26 Awards

Recommendation Instructions:

Thank you for helping this student pursue full funding for their cybersecurity education! You can learn more about this scholarship at wp.wpi.edu/cybersecurity (on the “Scholarships” tab). If you have any questions, email Beckley Schowalter, WPI’s SFS Program Manager, at bwschowalter@wpi.edu.

Please follow these steps for your letter:

1. Include your full name, title, mailing address, phone number, and email address
2. Describe how you know the student, and for how long
3. Assess the student’s potential for academic success in fulfilling WPI’s degree requirements and excelling in cybersecurity courses.
4. If you’re familiar with the student’s ability in any of the following areas, please discuss their skills in any or all of these competencies:
 - 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 a clear, convincing and organized manner appropriate to the audience and occasion
5. Please print a hard copy of your recommendation, single-sided, on official letterhead for your school or company. Do not staple the pages together.
6. Sign the letter, scan it, and name it as follows: “CSA2025_STUDENT LAST NAME_WPI.”
7. Email it to the student no later than **January 31, 2025**. The student must upload your letter to their online CSA application, which is due by February 1, 2025. Unfortunately, you do not have the option to keep your reference private from the student.

Recommendation Deadline: January 31, 2025. Thank you for generously contributing your time to this scholarship request.