#### CAE Community of Practice Cyber Defense - New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process

#### Welcome to All!

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# New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Agenda



- Introduction
  - Who Should Attend?
  - National Centers & Regional Hubs
  - Expectations for CAE Schools

#### CAE-C Redesignation

- NCyTE Site
- Cycles
- Application Roadmap
- Access to Tool
- Continuous Improvement

#### • Collaboration and Activities—2Yr vs. 4Yr Perspectives

- Tech Talk/Forum Presentations
- Annual CAE Symposium
- CAE PI Annual Meeting
- Career Fairs & Faculty Development

#### Reviewing and Mentoring

- Engagement with Regional Hubs; Community at large
- Cyber Competitions
- Grants and Scholarships
- Resources
- Resource Links
- Contact Information

### New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Introduction



#### **Community of Practice in Cyber Defense** *Mission*:

**"To collaborate** with both the CAE Community and the CAE-C Program Management Office (PMO) **to build** a Cybersecurity Excellence Community of Practice in Cyber Defense (CoP-CD) in order **to gather and share input** from the broader community as well as to **provide continuous program improvement**".

#### What is this initiative and who should attend this meeting?

- New Point of Contacts (PoCs)
- Replacement PoCs
- Alternate PoCs
- Program of Study Contacts (PoS)

New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Where Can I Find CAE Community Information?



#### Program Management Office (PMO) <u>CAEPMO@nsa.gov</u> CAE National Centers

- 1. CAE Community: <a href="https://www.caecommunity.org/national-center/cae-community">https://www.caecommunity.org/national-center/cae-community</a>
  - CAE-C Regional Hubs <u>https://www.caecommunity.org/about-us/cae-regional-hubs</u>
    - Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Northwest, and Southwest
  - Initiatives <a href="https://www.caecommunity.org/about-us/cae-initiatives">https://www.caecommunity.org/about-us/cae-initiatives</a>
  - Communities of Practice <a href="https://www.caecommunity.org/about-us/cae-communities-practice">https://www.caecommunity.org/about-us/cae-communities-practice</a>
- 2. CAE Candidates Program National Center <u>https://www.caecommunity.org/national-</u> center/candidates-program
- 3. CAE Peer Review National Center <a href="https://www.caecommunity.org/national-center/peer-review">https://www.caecommunity.org/national-center/peer-review</a>
- 4. Knowledge Unit Evolution <a href="https://www.caecommunity.org/national-center/ku-evolution">https://www.caecommunity.org/national-center/ku-evolution</a>
  - CyberEd Wiki <a href="https://cyberedwiki.org/index.php?title=Welcome\_to\_CyberEd\_Wiki">https://cyberedwiki.org/index.php?title=Welcome\_to\_CyberEd\_Wiki</a>

### New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process The CAE-C Designation Types



#### **Current Statistics of CAE Schools:**

- CAE-CD, Cyber Defense (300+ institutions)
- **CAE-R, Research** (80+ institutions)
- CAE-CO, Cyber Operations (20+ institutions)

CAE Institution Map: <a href="https://www.caecommunity.org/cae-map">https://www.caecommunity.org/cae-map</a> DoD Cyber Exchange: <a href="https://public.cyber.mil/ncae-c/">https://public.cyber.mil/ncae-c/</a>

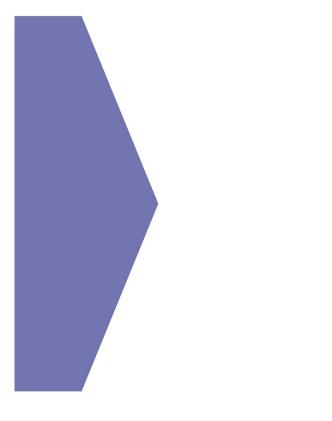
## New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Expectations For CAE Schools



- Keep contact information current
- Ensure you receive notifications and reply promptly to the Program Management Office (PMO) <u>CAEPMO@nsa.gov</u>
- Understand the various POC Designation terms:
  - CD, R, CO, Center, each Program of Study (PoS)
- Ensure you have access to the new software application tool:
  - https://nsa-ncae.com/login
- Annual Reports—submitted to the PMO via the CAE Application tool

# **New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process**





Presenter: **Faisal Kaleem** Metropolitan State (MN) University

#### New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process NCYTE Website

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**Discover** Now

https://www.ncyte.net/

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#### New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process NCYTE Website



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PoS Cycle 6	5/16/2021	9/14/2021	9/28/2021	10/12/2021	CAE Cycle 6	12/21/2021	1/4/2022	1/18/2022	2/1/202
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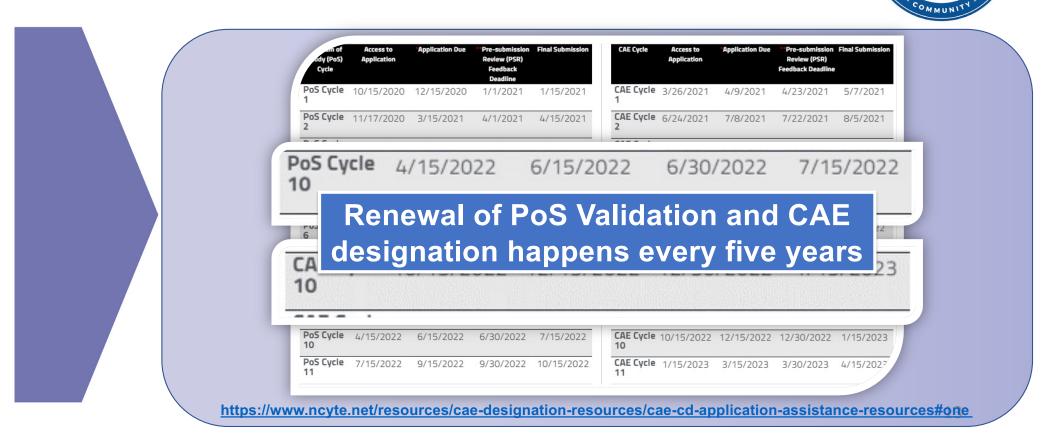


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NCAE-C Website



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#### AE Designation Workshop Video

The CAE Candidates Program National Center at Whatcom Community College (WCC) has developed this two-hour video workshop for regionally accredited U.S. colleges and universities interested in earning the CAE in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) designation. The workshop is presented by Corrinne Sande, PI / Director of NCyTE and Director, Computer Sciences and Information Systems at WCC.

#### CAE Program Overview

The first portion of the workshop provides an overview of the CAE program, the designation criteria, the submission timeline, and the new application process.

#### Part I: Program of Study (PoS) Validation

This portion of the video covers the details of Program of Study Validation and the first part of the application.

#### Part II: CAE Institutional Designation

The last half of the workshop covers the second part of the application and CAE-CD Institutional Designation.

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#### **CAE Preparations Starting Guide**

These recommended best practices for starting preparations to apply for the CAE-CD designation have been compiled and shared by one of the institutions in the pilot program.

Download PDF

#### **CAE Preparations File Structure Template**

This .zip file contains the recommended file structure, provided by one of the institutions in the pilot program.

#### remplates for the KU Alignment Summary Tables

This Excel file provides templates for the Knowledge Unit Summary Tables by program type and program level. Also included are several examples of

#### **CAE-CD KU Alignment Matrix**

This Excel file, developed to help institutions prepare their programs for submission, contains an alignment matrix for each knowledge unit relevant to the CAE-CD designation.

#### **Download Excel file**

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#### **New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Application Process** OMMUN Candidate submits School submit PoS CNRC Application Intent to Apply with CNRC checklist to CNRC assigns Assistance endorsement mentor **CNRC** assigns mentor Step Candidate assigned to 14 Weeks **Application Assistance** Committee appearance Ster date & location Submits CAE checklist Intent to Apply and application due date Stei submitted with CNRC endorsement Step Committee provides **Review Committee** Fentatively 12 questions re: applications application due date, Ster appearance date & location assigned Committees convened Step regionally; Committee provides questions **Candidates appear before** Ster Submit another Committee; Committees convened; Program of Study Ster Committee makes Applicants appear; Proceed to recommendation to recommendation to PMO Update PMO designation validation Hold only Program Program of Study Final adjudication by PMO every 5 validated of Study validation @ NSA years 19

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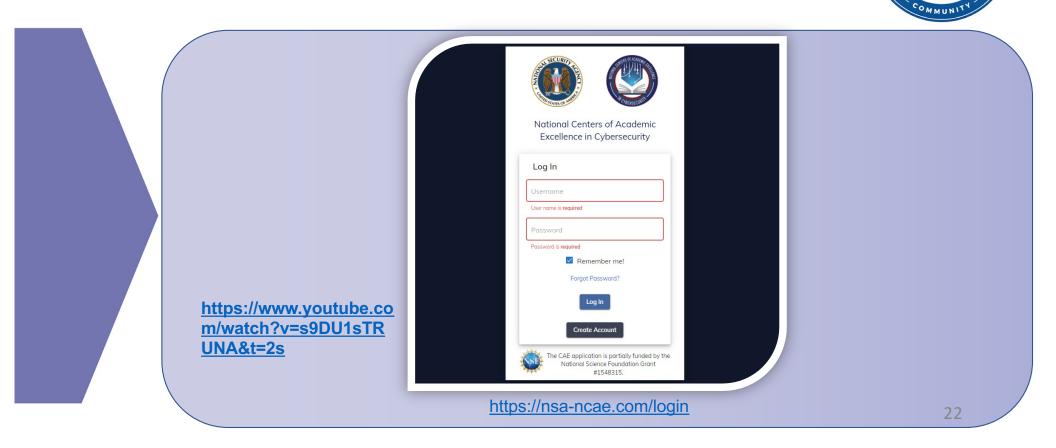


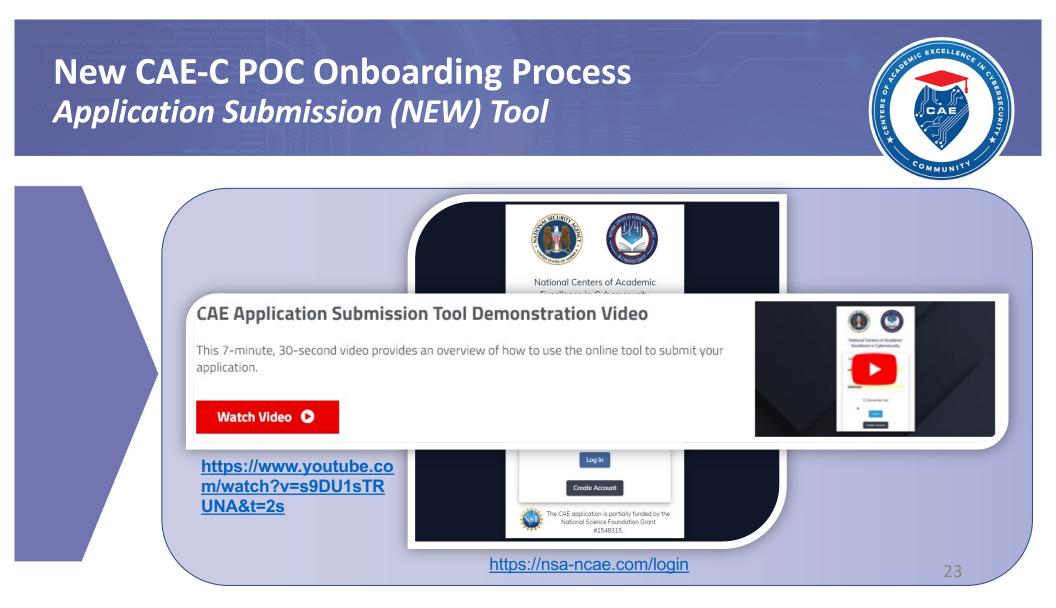
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### New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process PoS Validation Requirements



#### . PoS Curriculum

- a) The Cybersecurity PoS Offered by the Institution
- b) NICE Framework Crosswalk Alignment
- c) Courses Syllabi and Courses Requiring Applied Lab Exercises (For KU Aligned Courses Only)
- Curriculum Map and Plan with Assessment Documentation
- e) Knowledge Units (KUs) Alignment (See Appx. 3)
- f) Graduate Thesis/Dissertation/Equivalent Guidelines and Process (Masters and Doctoral programs only)

#### 3. Faculty Members

- a) Cyber Program(s) of Study PoC
- Full-time, part-time, and adjunct faculty members + Faculty qualifications (publications, research, industry involvement, certifications, etc.) related to PoS type
- c) Faculty support of enrolled students
- d) Process of Faculty Promotion/Reappointment (e.g. Faculty Policy Manual)

#### 2. Students

- a) Student enrollment/graduation in the PoS(s)
- b) CAE-CD: Sample student certificate/notation on transcript/official letter
- c) Students work products (papers, assignments, labs, etc.)
- d) Students participation in extracurricular activities

#### 4. Continuous Improvement

- a) Continuous Improvement plan
- b) Continuous Improvement process
- c) Regular evaluation schedule



- 1. Accreditation
- 2. Institution Commitment (letter of intent and endorsement)
- 3. Evidences of Sound Cybersecurity Posture and Plan
- 4. Established "Center" for Cybersecurity
- 5. Affirmation of the CAE Core Values and Guiding Principles
- 6. Sustainability
- 7. Professional Development
- 8. Cybersecurity Academic Integration
- 9. Outreach
- 10. Transfer of Credit/Articulation Agreements



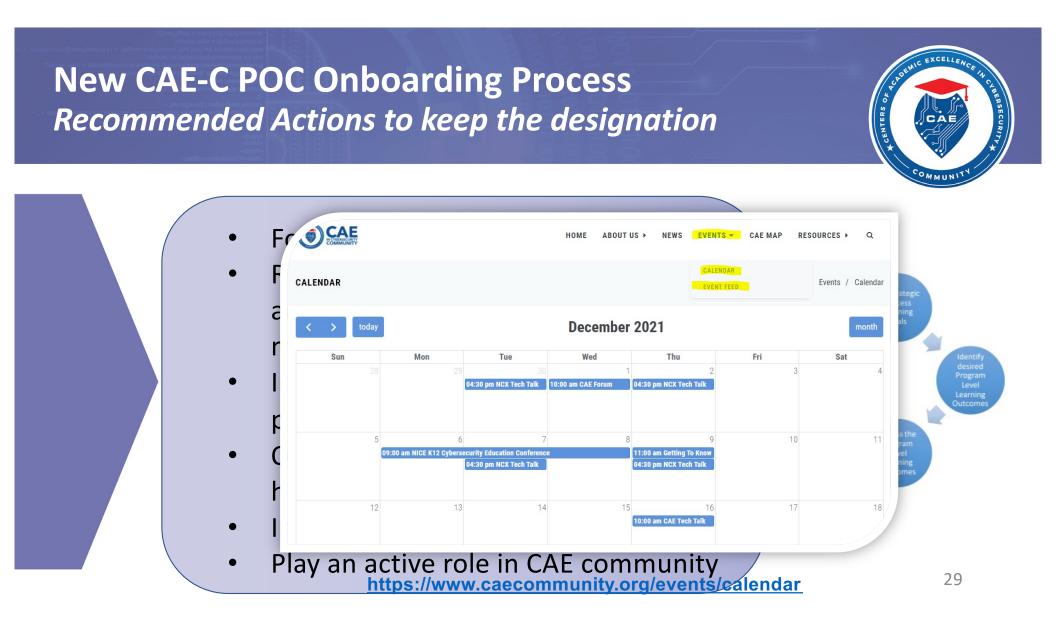
- 1. Annual Report of Institutional Metrics
- 2. Maintain Correct Contact Information
- 3. Major Changes to Designated Program of Study(ies) (PoSs)
- 4. Continuous Improvement Plan and Process
- 5. Participation in various CAE activities
- Attending the annual CAE Community Symposium and/or the annual PoC meeting, and/or regional CAE community meetings

# New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Recommended Actions to keep the designation



- Focus on Continuous Improvement
- Regularly conduct the program's advisory board meetings and maintain minutes
- Integrate cybersecurity contents into programs other than PoS
- Outreach to other institutions and help them with their cyber needs
- Invest in cyber competitions
- Play an active role in CAE community <u>https://www.caecommunity.org/events/calendar</u>





# New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Useful Suggestions



- Make sure that you are aware of and have access to the following items: Institution's accreditation reports, IT Security plans, Awareness trainings
- Become friends with the institution's accreditation officer, CIO, CISO
- Established Center for Cybersecurity must have all the required and up to date contents and must be hosted as part of the institution's domain
- Engage with your respective regional hub https://www.caecommunity.org/about-us/cae-regional-hubs

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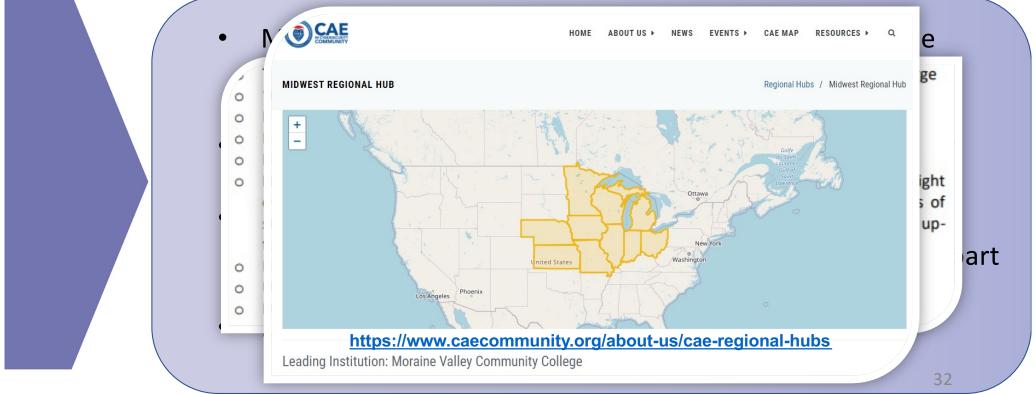


#### Make sure that you are aware of and have access to the

- The "Center" Website (URL) is visible within the institution and the external community at large
- "Center" POC is noted
- Information about and link to the program page of the Validated PoS(s)
- Faculty members
- Links to student cybersecurity activities available to students at the institution and beyond
- News that include both internal and external cybersecurity news. Internal news should highlight cybersecurity activities and efforts at the institution and/or other cybersecurity activities of students and faculty representing the institution. External cybersecurity news should highlight upto-date trending cybersecurity information
- Link to the institutional security resources and awareness
- Up-to-date links to key cybersecurity resources for students such as cyber competitions
- Documentation on the Industry Advisory Board/Committee







# **New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process**





## New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Collaboration with other Schools



- Four Year Schools
  - Research projects, joint funding proposal, grant proposals
  - Publishing in peer reviewed journals, sitting on committees in each others institutions
- Two year Schools
  - **o** Curricular development
  - **o** Resource development
- Both
  - Joint job fairs
  - **o** Jointly hosted conferences
- It does not always have to be large, you may be working together already

## New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Attend ...



- Annual CAE Symposia
  - Meet peers outside of your regional "bubble"
  - Meet cyber persons outside of your professional "bubble"
- CAE Principals Annual Meetings
  - Find out opportunities
  - Find out changes in the changes in the program
- It's a Community
  - People should know you and your name
  - Learn about opportunities



#### New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Tech Talks & Forums





CAE Tech Talks are recorded: https://www.caecommunity.org/resources/cae-tech-talk-resources For questions on CAE Tech Talk, please send email to CAETechTalk@nsa.gov

- Attend a few
- See how they are done
- Find something you are currently working on and have common interest
- Be relaxed, prepared, and deliver one alone or with a co-presenter

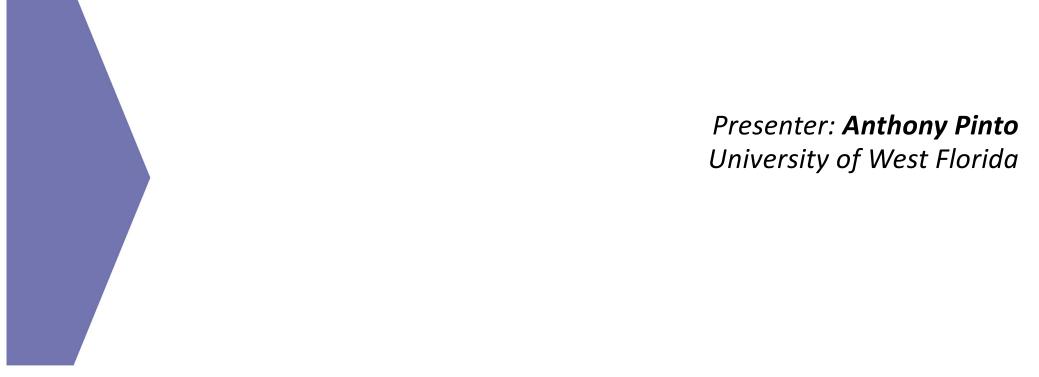
## New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Career Fairs

- Your school probably has an office that will help
- It probably does not specialize in tech
- Start with employers that have hired your graduates and trust your program
- Invite hiring managers and external team leaders to prep your students
- Win-Win is the only way to Win



# **New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process**





# New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Become a Reviewer and/or Mentor



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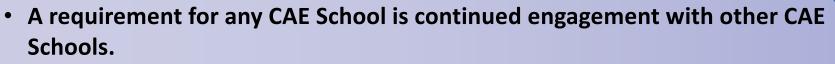
- works with the NCAE-C Program Management Office to train reviewers and execute peer reviews of applications for Academic Endorsement and/or NCAE-C Designation.
- Peer Reviewers review CAE-CD application for compliance with the CAE-CD Standards

•Whatcom College manage designated institutions to apply for designation or redesignation.

CAE Mentor program managed by Whatcom College

- CAE Mentors are assigned to schools in the Application Assistance Phase.
- The mentor assists the school in completing the application.
- The National Cybersecurity Training and Education Center (NCyTE) at Whatcom Community College (WCC) manages the program
- <u>https://www.ncyte.net/resources/cae-designation-resources</u>

New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Engage with the Regional Hubs and the CAE Community



- Each Regional Hubs has regular meetings, and activities that each schools is expected to participate in.
- <u>https://www.caecommunity.org/about-us/cae-regional-hubs</u>
- In addition the CAE Community Website for current events including workshop and national events <u>https://www.caecommunity.org/events/calendar</u>
- The NCyTE also holds workshop and involvement opportunities

### New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Cyber Competitions



Global Collegiate Penetration Testing Competition

 Focuses on mimicking the activities performed during a real-world penetration testing engagement
 It is conducted by companies, professional services firms, and internal security departments around the world.

 The NICE Challenge Project

 develops real-world cybersecurity challenges within virtualized business environments
 provides the most realistic experiences to students, at-scale year-round
 generates useful assessment data about their knowledge, skills, and abilities for educators.

# New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Grants and Scholarship Opportunities



- As a CAE Designated Schools your institution will be able to apply for multiple grants as funding allows. Funding is not guaranteed.
- Most grant announcements will come via an email from the CAE Program office.
- Scholarship Opportunities include
  - NSF Scholarship For Service (SFS)
    - Provides scholarships for up to 3 years for cybersecurity undergraduate and graduate (MS or PhD) education.
    - Recipients must agree to work after graduation for the
      - **U.S. Government.**

# New CAE-C POC Onboarding Process Grants and Scholarship Opportunities



- DoD Cyber Scholarship Program
  - Provides scholarships for students in Cyber Programs
  - Students are required to work for the DoD a minimum of one year for each year of scholarship support they receive.

#### • Web Sites

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- NCyTE Center <a href="https://www.ncyte.net/">https://www.ncyte.net/</a>
- NSF Scholarship for Service <u>https://www.sfs.opm.gov/</u>
- DoD Cyber Scholarship <u>https://public.cyber.mil/dcysp/</u>

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- CLARK—Cyber Lab Resource Knowledge <a href="https://clark.center/home">https://clark.center/home</a>
- CARD—Cyber Education Resource Directory <a href="https://www.caeresource.directory/home">https://www.caeresource.directory/home</a>
- CSSIA, Moraine Valley's Center <a href="https://www.cssia.org/">https://www.cssia.org/</a>
  - E-Mate Interactives <a href="https://www.cssia.org/interactives/">https://www.cssia.org/interactives/</a>
- National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity: <a href="https://public.cyber.mil/ncae-c/">https://public.cyber.mil/ncae-c/</a>
- DoD Cyber Scholarship <a href="https://public.cyber.mil/dcysp/">https://public.cyber.mil/dcysp/</a>
- GenCyber, National K-12 <u>https://www.gen-cyber.com/</u>
- NICE Challenge Project Webportal <a href="https://nice-challenge.com/">https://nice-challenge.com/</a>
- NICE Framework Resource Center <a href="https://www.nist.gov/itl/applied-cybersecurity/nice/nice-framework-resource-center">https://www.nist.gov/itl/applied-cybersecurity/nice/nice-framework-resource-center</a>
- NSF Scholarship for Service <u>https://www.sfs.opm.gov/</u>
- National Cyber League <a href="https://nationalcyberleague.org/">https://nationalcyberleague.org/</a>
- NCyTE Center Workshops <a href="https://www.ncyte.net/resources/cybersecurity-education-workshops">https://www.ncyte.net/resources/cybersecurity-educationworkshops</a>

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