



AFCEA Central Maryland Chapter Education Foundation
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2020 Jeremy A. Pinkerton Cyber Scholarship Award

PURPOSE: AFCEA Central Maryland Chapter Educational Foundation seeks to recognize college students in their sophomore or junior year who have shown an aptitude for cyber security and who have dealt with academic adversity in their life. They must show how they are overcoming academic adversity to accomplish their career goal.

AWARD: Each Jeremy A. Pinkerton Cyber Scholarship is a one-time, \$2,500 award to be applied towards the student's academic education. The award is named in honor of a University of Maryland student who persevered despite medical challenges and found success through encouraging team learning in computer science at the University of Maryland. Two types of students are eligible to apply: 1. Students attending a community college for the first two years as long as they will continue on to attend any of the 12 schools in the University System of Maryland*. 2. Sophomore- or junior- level college students who attend or have been accepted to attend any of the 12 schools in the University System of Maryland*.

CRITERIA: Applicants must:

- Be a well-rounded full-time student in their sophomore or junior year at any of the 12 schools in the University System of Maryland* who has shown an aptitude for cyber security and has dealt with academic adversity.
- Be a current student or accepted as a transfer student for the following fall semester any of the 12 schools in the University System of Maryland*.
- Be working towards a B.S. or a B.A. degree with a declared major in Computer Science with a focus on Cyber Security or other cyber related areas of study supportive of national defense.
- Stay in a field of study supportive of national defense through graduation.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 on a 4.0 scale, with demonstrated improvement over time.
- Be a resident of Washington D.C., Virginia, or Maryland.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be nominated by the applicant's college advisor.

CEREMONIES Scholarship recipients will be notified in early March, 2020. The AFCEA Central Maryland Chapter will invite selected recipients and their parents to an awards dinner honoring them in early May, 2020 to accept their scholarship.

APPLICATION: Student scholarship submissions must include **all** of the following items (Applicants will receive email from the Scholarship Committee chair as materials are received. If applicant does not get an email, reach out to the email address above.)

1. A completed application form **submitted online** at <https://centralmd.afceachapters.org/the-jeremy-scholarship-application> which includes **general information** about the applicant. (sample application details the info to be submitted)
2. A **nomination letter** from the applicant's college advisor explaining why he/she feels the applicant deserves the scholarship. This letter may be emailed to scholarships@centralmd.afceachapters.org.

All interested students must submit their completed applications online by February 1, 2020 to have funds applied to the Fall 2020 semester.

3. A **750-1000 word essay** from the applicant explaining how academic adversity has affected his/her life and how he/she has overcome or are addressing academic adversity to be prepared for a future career path in cyber.
4. A **resume** from the applicant detailing the applicant's accomplishments, work experience, leadership, and community involvement. The applicant should also detail hobbies or athletic activities that he/she especially enjoys and how he/she ties that to their accomplishments.
5. An **official, signed college transcript** of completed courses and grades mailed **directly** from school to the address in the header of this flyer or **emailed directly from the school** to scholarships@centralmd.afceachapters.org.
6. **Two letters of recommendation:** one letter must be from an academic person (i.e., a school official – teacher) and one letter must be from a non-academic person who knows the applicant's struggles and successes (i.e., a person outside of school – clergy, a person you work/intern for, a volunteer leader, a coach). . Letters should be specific to this scholarship and not be letters that are for entry to a university or college. **Letters from college advisors are not acceptable.** Letters may be emailed to scholarships@centralmd.afceachapters.org. Please follow up with the persons who are emailing letters of recommendation to ensure that they have submitted them.

*Note: a list of the 12 University System of Maryland schools may be found at <https://www.usmd.edu/institutions/>.

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