CSSC Scholarship — Written Statement Guide
Applicant Instructions

> The CSSC (Coordinated Support for Success in Computing) Program is an NSF-funded scholarship for academically talented engineering and cybersecurity students with demonstrated financial need. Recipients receive up to $15,000/year, faculty mentorship, early access to advisors, and professional development workshops.

WHAT YOU NEED TO SUBMIT

You must submit TWO written statements as part of your application:

Statement 1: Career Statement
Word limit: 300 words

In your Career Statement, address BOTH of the following:
- Why do you want to study computer engineering or cybersecurity?
- How will winning this scholarship help you achieve your future goals?

Statement 2: Personal Statement
Word limit: 100 words

Choose ONE of the following personal strengths and briefly address why it is part of your character. You may draw from a project, competition, or your approach to schoolwork:

- **Peer-Leadership:** Do you like working in a team environment? Do you aspire to help others?
- **Academic Potential:** Do you value education and training as a path to your goals? Do you want to improve your academic performance?
- **Coachability & Openness:** Do you have a growth mindset? Are you receptive to mentorship and learning from others?

TIPS FROM THE SELECTION COMMITTEE
- Quality matters more than length. We are not looking for a long resume — we want to see your motivation and potential.
- We will discuss topics at your interview that you did not have space to cover in your essay.
- Coordinate with your recommender. Share your essay topic and discuss what you want them to address so your application materials complement each other.
- Your recommender can provide context and detail that you simply do not have space for — use that opportunity.

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