

# C3P: SCHOLARSHIP FOR SERVICE

Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC) has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to support students interested in studying cybersecurity.



## About the program

Community College Cyber Pilot Program (C3P): Scholarship for Service (SFS) is a unique program designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of information assurance professionals that protect the government's critical information infrastructure.

MVCC C3P scholars will complete an associate degree in computer information systems or cybersecurity.

## Eligibility

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Currently enrolled in, or applied for admission/transfer to, a cybersecurity-related program at MVCC
  - Associate in science degree in computer information systems (AS in CIS)
  - Associate in applied science - transfer degree in cybersecurity (AAS-T in cybersecurity)
  - Other approved program of study (must be approved by the program director)
- Have a bachelor's degree in any discipline or be a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Meet selection criteria for federal employment, including obtaining a security clearance

## Benefits

- Full tuition and academic fees for up to two years
- Annual stipend of \$25,000
- Annual textbook and professional development allowance of \$6,000
- Paid summer internship at a local/state/federal agency between the scholar's first and second year in the program\*
- If successful, full-time employment at a local/state/federal government agency\*

\* The MVCC C3P Scholars are responsible to apply for and obtain a position. The MVCC C3P Program will provide assistance with identifying employment opportunities.

## Obligations

- Be a full-time student
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA for all courses
- Participate in all MVCC C3P program activities
- Complete the degree/program requirements successfully\*\*
- Participate in a summer internship with a local/state/federal agency\*\*\*
- Work for a local/state/federal agency in qualifying positions, upon completing academic degree requirements. Length of service depends on length of scholarship support—one year of service for one year of support. \*\*\*

\*\* Although there will be flexibility in meeting individual student interests and goals, there will be a list of required courses a student must take. Contact the program director to discuss your individual requirements.

\*\*\* List of [Federal Agencies and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers](#)

## Selection

MVCC C3P scholarships are offered on a competitive basis. The scholarships are effective for up to two years starting with the fall semester. Scholarship recipients are selected based on:

- Academic performance
- Resume key items
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay outlining the applicant's objectives as it relates to cybersecurity and a career in the government
- Ability to obtain security clearance
- Interview

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