



Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud Skills Scholarship

Scholarship Guidelines & Reporting Requirements

PURPOSE

The Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud Skills Scholarship seeks to increase the number of California Community College (CCC) students who complete an Associate Degree and earn an industry certification by providing scholarships to help offset non-academic costs for students enrolled in the AWS Cloud Skills Pilot Program, in particular to support students engaged in a work-based learning experience. The scholarships will be administered by FoundationCCC in partnership with participating colleges and the Chancellor's Office.

FUNDING

The AWS Cloud Skills Scholarship is supported by a charitable contribution from Amazon to FoundationCCC. A total of \$29,500 is available to be distributed for the 2023-24 academic year.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be enrolled in the AWS Cloud Skills Pilot Program at one of the following CCCs:
 - Cerro Coso Community College, Santa Ana College, Santa Monica College
- Applicants must be eligible for a California College Promise Grant or be experiencing other circumstances demonstrating financial need.
- Applicants must be making satisfactory academic progress.
- Applicants who are on any form of public assistance are automatically eligible for the scholarship.
- Scholarship preference shall be given to students who are underrepresented in technology careers.

SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION

FoundationCCC will provide funds for the scholarships to eligible CCCs in Fall 2023.

Funds will be disbursed to students by the local college. Scholarships are limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per semester and an additional \$1,000 if the student continues to the next semester. Scholarships are only available for those semesters or quarters, including Summer term, in which the student is enrolled in the AWS Cloud Skills Pilot Program and making satisfactory academic progress.

Scholarships can be used to cover any expenses, other than tuition and fees, that will support the recipient in continuing the program, such as books, supplies, other materials, housing, transportation, food, childcare, or healthcare. Note that funds used for non-educational costs may be considered taxable income.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR COLLEGES

Eligible colleges will apply to FoundationCCC to receive scholarship funds by submitting a simple application through FoundationCCC's online platform, Submittable. Colleges will be able to apply for a specific amount of funding.

In Fall 2023, FoundationCCC will send a customized invitation to apply to each eligible college that will include the funds available for each college, a link to the online application, and a link to a web page with full scholarship guidelines, reporting requirements, and a sample application for students.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS

Students will apply to their local college to receive this scholarship. Colleges will be provided an application form to promote the scholarship opportunity and may follow existing policies, processes, and systems to promote the scholarship opportunity. Colleges will administer an application, review, and selection process in alignment with the scholarship guidelines and eligibility criteria.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Scholarship Officer or designated official must review each scholarship application and determine whether the applicant meets the above-listed program eligibility requirements. The Scholarship Officer or designated official must maintain a record of the application and related application and eligibility materials for each applicant who received an award from the AWS Cloud Skills Scholarship.

REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING PROCESS FOR COLLEGES

If an institution initiates a scholarship award for the entire academic year but the student is subsequently determined to be eligible for only one semester or quarter, the award must be prorated and the balance returned to FoundationCCC.

Colleges should strive to disburse all funds by June 30, 2024. If any funds are remaining, colleges must report the remaining balance to FoundationCCC and utilize the funds for the subsequent academic year, following all of the same guidelines as stated above.

Colleges shall report to FoundationCCC demographic information on the race, ethnicity, and gender of scholarship recipients at the end of the academic year. Reports will be due by August 1, 2024 and will be submitted through Submittable. A standardized report template will be provided by FoundationCCC to the colleges at least one month prior to the report due date. This information will be reported to the funder with personally identifying information for the student recipients removed.

Colleges are encouraged to solicit stories from scholarship recipients that demonstrate the positive impact of the scholarship on the student's academic career or personal life. If the student grants permission, success stories will be shared with the scholarship donor.