## Overview

I-FOCUS-CS is a scholarship program that will support high-achieving and low-income students majoring in Computer Science (CS) through a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The majority of the I-FOCUS-CS scholarships will be awarded to freshmen for four years as long as they are qualified and maintain their good standing. A limited number of I-FOCUS-CS scholarships will be awarded to existing CS students who have passed Data Structures (CS 2123) but still have at least two years to graduate.

I-FOCUS-CS program will provide academically talented students with up to **$10,000** Need-based Scholarship per year! The actual scholarship amount will be determined once FAFSA information is obtained and processed by UTSA.

### The goals of I-FOCUS-CS program

- To increase the number of academically talented but low-income students
- To improve the retention and more importantly graduation rates
- To improve the success rate of academically talented but low-income students in proceeding to the technical workforce or pursuing advanced studies in CS
- To contribute to the implementation and sustainability

## Eligibility Requirements

I-FOCUS-CS Scholars must

- be US citizens, permanent residents, nationals, or refugees;
- be full-time UTSA students (or be accepted to UTSA);
- declare CS or pre-CS as major;
- be academically talented (e.g., have a 3.2 or above GPA in major course work, be in top 25%, or have high SAT/ACT scores)
- be economically disadvantaged according to the Department of Education rules for need-based federal financial aid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and

## Selection Process

The application process will be competitive and positions will be offered to the academically strongest applicants based on the application materials which include GPA, Rank, SAT/ACT, transcript, resume, statements about career goals and interest in CS.

We highly encourage students from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in Computer Sciences (e.g., Females, African Americans, Hispanics, Native American/Alaskan or persons with disabilities, first generation, Veterans) to apply.

## Retention of students’ scholarships

Students making good progress toward undergraduate degree completion and maintaining a 3.2 GPA in coursework will continue as I-FOCUS-CS Scholars in good standing and receive scholarship for multiple years.

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