



# I-FOCUS-CS Scholarship

## Overview

I-FOCUS-CS is a scholarship program that supports academically talented but low-income students majoring in Computer Science (CS) through a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

I-FOCUS-CS program provides up to **\$10,000** Need-based Scholarship to academically talented students per year! The actual scholarship amount is determined based on FAFSA information and the availability of funds.

In addition, I-FOCUS-CS program supports scholarship recipients through various activities (e.g., tutoring, faculty mentoring) so that they can successfully complete their CS degree in a timely manner and join the workforce or pursue higher education! There are no other obligations!

We are about to start the third year of the project with about ten existing I-FOCUS-CS Scholars. Fortunately, we have some extra funds to support a few more UTSA - CS **junior or senior** students who have at least one year (but no more than two years) to graduate.

## 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

## Fall 2020 Application Deadline (Priority date)

**Aug 17, 2020** (11:59pm)

## Eligibility Requirements

### I-FOCUS-CS Scholars must

- be US citizens, permanent residents, nationals, or refugees.
- be academically talented (e.g., have a 3.2 or above GPA in major course work, be active in CS community); and
- be economically disadvantaged according to the Department of Education rules for need-based federal financial aid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- be full-time UTSA - CS junior or senior student who have at least one year (but no more than two years) to graduate
- successfully complete more than **60 credits** including at least three of the following CS courses\* and their prerequisites:
  - CS 3423 System Prog.
  - CS 3443 App. Prog.
  - CS 3843 Comp. Org.
  - CS 3343 Analysis of Alg.

\* If you are currently taking these courses in Summer 2020, please apply after you get your grades for Summer 2020!

## Selection Process

The application process will be competitive. Accordingly, the positions will be offered to the academically strongest applicants based on the application materials including UTSA **transcript** (unofficial is OK), **resume**, GPA, course grades, brief statements about CS interests and career goals.

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.

For more information and [online application form](#), please visit

[www.cs.utsa.edu/~korkmaz/i-focus-cs](http://www.cs.utsa.edu/~korkmaz/i-focus-cs)