



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 2023 Application Deadline (Priority date)
July 21, 2023 (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 **100 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.

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](https://www.cs.utsa.edu/~korkmaz/i-focus-cs), please visit

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