Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum Spring Scholarship Application now open!

The deadline to apply for a $5,000 scholarship is Friday 4/29/2022

Interested in a $5,000 scholarship opportunity and the chance to network with CIO’s from the region? Apply for the Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum scholarship for the Spring semester!

The Forum’s award will benefit successful full-time sophomore, junior or senior undergraduate students studying Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, Information Technology or business systems and processes (formerly e-Business). The forum has awarded over $550,000 to TU students since 2006.

Applications are accepted by the university beginning in October for the Spring semester and in March for the Fall semester. Look for announcements around the campus. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact Bonnie Lawson at 410-704-4252 or blawson@towson.edu

Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum Scholarship Award Selection Guidelines:
The Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum scholarship is offered to full-time undergraduates at Towson University who have completed at least one full year studying Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, Information Technology or e-Business; who show superior academic achievement; and have demonstrated efforts towards furthering the goal of gaining a position in the field of Information Technology. To be eligible to apply, students must be in their sophomore, junior or senior year of study. The award will be based on a 500 word essay discussing your Information Technology non-academic activities (51%) and academic achievement (49%). The essay should outline the applicant’s goals in the field of Information Technology and describe proactive initiatives to achieve these goals. Initiatives could include work experience applying IT skills or knowledge, either paid or volunteer; extracurricular participation in IT related organizations; departmental IT projects or competitions; class IT projects or other IT related activities.

Scholarship applications and filing dates are available through the Towson University Scholarship website: https://towson.academicworks.com/users/sign_in

The Scholarship Award:
The number of scholarships awarded each semester will depend on the Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum allocation. Currently five $5000.00 Scholarships are awarded each semester.

Additional features of the Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum scholarship program include:
• An open invitation to attend all CIO Forum general meetings
• One to one access to CIO Forum members
• First notice to available employment and internship opportunities with CIO Forum member companies
Qualifications:

- Full-time student (enrolled in 12 or more credits) with a sophomore, junior, or senior status
- Completed at least one full year at TU prior to application submission
- Declared computer science, computer information systems, information technology, or business systems and processes (formerly e-business) major

Comments from a few of our Scholarship Winners:

“This scholarship has been beneficial to my family financially! My mother has undergone three arm and wrist surgeries, rendering her unable to work since April 2021. She owns a small business dental practice, and this has put a large financial obstacle on our family. Being awarded this scholarship has made me grateful and allowed me to contribute to my mom who works so hard to put me through school.”

Emilee Sheaffer
Major: Business Administration, Business Systems & Processes, Class of 2022

“The Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum Scholarship allows me to decrease the cost of attendance which then allows me to decrease my overall college debt. Decreasing my college debt will afford me the ability to focus more on the job which will provide me with the greatest opportunity and/or where I can make the greatest impact rather than the one which will help me the most with my debt. Thank you for honoring me with this scholarship.”

Katya Doersam
Major: Computer Science, Class of 2021

“I cannot begin to thank you enough for funding the Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum Scholarship. Because of this scholarship, I will be able to complete my education. Just weeks prior to receiving this scholarship, I discovered that I lost more than 50% of my typical financial aid. It was not because I was under-performing but because the grants and scholarships I was receiving had a four year deadline. Due to changing my major, I had to stay for an additional year. When I discovered how much financial aid I lost, my heart was broken. I am a first-generation college student and I have worked so hard for so long to accomplish this dream, and in an instant it felt like it was snatched away. I was crushed, and I didn’t want my family to see me as a disappointment. However, because of you, that is no longer a worry. Because of this scholarship, I will have enough financial aid to pay tuition, and I am extremely grateful. Because of your generosity, I plan to start my own scholarship once I become established in my career. You inspired me to do more to help other people like me fighting to get an education, and I cannot thank you enough.”

Saraubi Harrison
Major: Computer Science, Class of 2019