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LACC STUDENTS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR MICROSOFT CYBERSECURITY SCHOLARSHIP

Los Angeles, CA — September 12, 2024 — Los Angeles City College (LACC) is excited to announce that students pursuing an associate degree, certificate, or participating in bootcamps related to cybersecurity or technology programs are now eligible to apply for the prestigious Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship Program. This opportunity, in partnership with the Last Mile Education Fund, is designed to provide crucial financial assistance and career preparation resources to community college students from under-resourced backgrounds.

The Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship offers:

- A one-time cash assistance of \$500
- A free 1-year subscription to LinkedIn Premium
- Access to GitHub-sponsored events and the GitHub Student Developer Pack
- The Global Mentors Initiative, open to all students regardless of application status

How to Apply:

To apply for the Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship, follow these steps:

1. Visit www.lastmile-ed.org/apply and create an account.
2. Confirm your account by clicking the link sent to your email (check your spam folder if necessary).
3. Complete the application by answering all prompts precisely as stated. For the funding request, enter \$500.
4. Upload your transcript in PDF format, labeled as "firstname lastname transcript."

5. Include your LinkedIn profile link, ensuring it features your photo.
6. Allow at least 20 minutes to complete the application.

Important Note: In the "Educational Journey & Plans After Completing Degree" section, applicants must respond to one of the following prompts with 2-4 additional sentences:

- How do you envision using cybersecurity principles in your future career?
- Describe your genuine interest in cybersecurity.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in a U.S. community college
- Enrolled in one of the following programs:
 - Associate degree in cybersecurity or related technology field
 - Bachelor's degree (offered by a community college)
 - Professional certification program
 - Cybersecurity bootcamp
- Open to both in-person and virtual students
- Open to all U.S. citizens, international students, and DACA recipients
- All gender identities and races are welcome to apply

Funding Flexibility:

The scholarship funds can be used for a variety of educational and personal expenses, including but not limited to:

- Certification licensing exams
- Tuition, books, and meal plans
- Childcare expenses
- Technology, such as laptops or software needed for class
- Career-building opportunities like conferences
- Rent, groceries, utility bills, and unexpected medical expenses

Application Deadline:

Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as funds are limited. Once submitted, applications will be processed within 7-15 business days.

For any questions prior to submitting your application, contact Maia Butler, Student Recruitment Specialist, at maia.butler@lastmile-ed.org. For post-submission inquiries, reach out to grantmaking@lastmile-ed.org.

LACC urges eligible students to take advantage of this opportunity and move one step closer to launching a successful career in the fast-growing field of cybersecurity.

About Los Angeles City College

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges.