

# 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter Scholarship Application 2023-2024



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The 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter is pleased to offer scholarship opportunities for students who are pursuing an education in a field that supports the data center industry.

**How to Apply**

The following is the process for collecting all scholarship materials:

- All requested documents must be **E-MAILED** To [Wallace.robert@microsoft.com](mailto:Wallace.robert@microsoft.com) and cc: [john.hicks@bureauveritas.com](mailto:john.hicks@bureauveritas.com)
- When submitting your application via email, please use the following subject line:  
**7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter – Scholarship Application**
- If possible, please submit your application and supporting documents as one PDF file with your name on it. For example: **Your.Name\_2023ScholarshipApplication.pdf**
- You will be automatically disqualified if all of the application components are not included.
- The application **must be submitted** no later than **Friday, June 9, 2023**. **Contact for Questions**
- If you have a question that is not addressed in the Frequently Asked Questions section of this application, please send an e-mail to [Wallace.robert@microsoft.com](mailto:Wallace.robert@microsoft.com) and cc: [john.hicks@bureauveritas.com](mailto:john.hicks@bureauveritas.com) no later than **Monday, June 5, 2023**.

All questions should include full name and phone number. Please allow a 72-hour turnaround time for responses.

**Requirements for Submission**

Applicants **MUST** use this form to ensure that you are fulfilling the mandatory requirements needed to maximize the potential of becoming a 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter Award recipient.

- PLEASE NOTE: All communications between 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter and the applicant will be directly with the **candidate only**.
- Please provide a copy of your UNOFFICIAL transcript and FINAL report card (OFFICIAL transcript will be required after award).
- Acceptance Letter from your University (necessary for high school awards or transfer students seeking scholarships).
- Resume (work experience, leadership, activities, etc.)
- Essay

Must meet the above requirements to be eligible.

**Value of Each Award:** Up to \$5,000, a total of up to \$25,000 will be awarded between final candidates (*Quality of application drives the amount awarded*)

**Use of Award:** The scholarship may be used only for school-related tuition, room and board expenses for the academic year of 2023-2024. Funds will be distributed to your student via the scholarship fund

- Institution Bill from the Financial Aid/Cashier’s Office at the institution (should break down expenses to attend) (**Award Winners only – this will be required prior to disbursements of funds**)

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Any Spring 2023 graduating high school senior through graduate school student.
- Student must be enrolled in an accredited college or university and interested in a career in the data center industry. (Such as but not limited to; Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical, Industrial, Cyber Security, Computer Science engineering, Civil Land Development, Construction Management, or related field.)
- Student must be registered as a full-time student (12 hours or more) in the Fall of 2023 to apply for this scholarship.
- A minimum of a 3.5 GPA, either high school or current college/university.

**NOTE: The 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter reserves the right to disqualify any application at its sole discretion. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee and/or the Board of Directors regarding the award of scholarships are final.**



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**What to expect:**

- Applications are due no later than June 9, 2023.
- The scholarship selection committee will review all applications and select finalists for interviews by June 30, 2023.
- Application finalists will be invited to participate in virtual interviews with the scholarship committee. Interviews will be conducted on July 6, 2023.
- The selection committee will make the final award selections by July 31, 2023. An announcement will be made by August 4, 2023, via a press release to all 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter Members.
- Scholarship recipients will be invited to participate in a 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter event on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.



- SUBMIT THIS COVER PAGE ALONG WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

EVERYTHING MUST BE COMPLETED AND E-MAILED TO  
[wallace.robert@microsoft.com](mailto:wallace.robert@microsoft.com) and cc: [john.hicks@bureauveritas.com](mailto:john.hicks@bureauveritas.com)

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**Full Name**

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**College or University Name**

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**Student ID**

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**Today's Date**

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**Applicant's Email address**

**Application Must be Received No Later Than  
Friday, June 9, 2023**



**Applicant Entry Data:** Type all information.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address and Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School/College \_\_\_\_\_

High School/College Address \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of credits planned per semester: Summer \_\_\_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_

Semesters you will have completed at the end of the present (Fall 2022) semester \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of bachelor's degree \_\_\_\_\_

State of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guidance Counselor/Dean \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_



## **Essay**

***Please select one essay prompt from the list below and check the one you are submitting with this application. The essay should be approximately two pages or 500 words (double spaced, 12-point Arial font) and provided as an attachment to the application. Application finalists will be invited to participate in virtual interviews with the scholarship committee.***

### **Pick One:**

- Explain why you chose your field of study. How will this scholarship support your goal of starting a career in the data center industry or a similar field?
  
- Describe a time when you faced a challenge or had to overcome adversity. How did that affect you and what did you learn from the experience?
  
- Describe any work experience, internship or volunteer opportunity you had in the data center or similar field. What impact did that have on your field of study and how has it shaped your career goals?
  
- Five years from now, where do you see yourself in your career?



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**Institution Information**

The institution information page provides the financial information that is required for 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter to send checks on your behalf if you are a scholarship recipient. The institution here means the school that you plan to be enrolled in for the academic year 2023-2024.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarship awards provided by 7x24 Exchange Central Texas Chapter may ONLY be used for school-related tuition, room and board expenses for the academic year of 2022-2023.

**I verify that all information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

**Applicant’s signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

**Parent/Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

(If applicant is not at least 18 years old)



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Eligibility Criteria Questions

**Q: If I do not have any job experience do I have to submit a resume?**

A: Yes, there are other forms of resumes that can be completed for students that will highlight other areas outside of your work experience.

**Q: Where can I get assistance with completing my application?**

A: After you go through the FAQs and the information on this form, please email specific questions to [wallace.robert@microsoft.com](mailto:wallace.robert@microsoft.com) and cc: [john.hicks@bureauveritas.com](mailto:john.hicks@bureauveritas.com). All questions should include full name, phone number, service attended, and the scholarship you are applying for. There is a 72-hour turnaround time.

**Q: How important is the essay?**

A: The essay is an important component of your completed application, as is every section.

**Q: Is there a minimum GPA for being eligible to receive a scholarship?**

A: Yes, the minimum requirement of a 3.5 GPA.

**Q: Should I still apply even if I don't meet all the requirements?**

A: No, you must meet all the requirements for the specific scholarship of choice before being considered.

### Submitting Questions

**Q: What is the deadline for submitting questions?**

A: All questions should be emailed no later than May 5, 2023. Please allow a 72-hour turnaround time for responses.

**Q: Where do I e-mail my application?**

- A: All applications should be emailed to the [Wallace.robert@microsoft.com](mailto:Wallace.robert@microsoft.com) and cc: [john.hicks@bureauveritas.com](mailto:john.hicks@bureauveritas.com), no later than Friday, May 12th or earlier. Late applications will be disqualified, and not reviewed.

**Q: Is there a contact e-mail or number if I have additional questions?**

- A: Yes, please forward all additional questions and concerns to [Wallace.robert@microsoft.com](mailto:Wallace.robert@microsoft.com) and cc: [john.hicks@bureauveritas.com](mailto:john.hicks@bureauveritas.com). If sending questions, all questions should include full name, phone number. There is a 72-hour turnaround time.

**Q: What do I do if I am transferring to/ from another school, and I do not have all of the requested documents?**

A: We will handle this issue on an individual basis. Please send an e-mail explaining the circumstance and a scholarship representative will contact you.





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**Q: Will I receive confirmation that my application was received?**

A: Yes, you will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your application.

**Q: When will I be notified that I have been awarded a scholarship?**

A: Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to public announcements of award winners.

**Grade/Transcript Questions**

**Q: What can I do if my transcripts aren't prepared by the deadline date?**

A: Please send an e-mail to [Wallace.robert@microsoft.com](mailto:Wallace.robert@microsoft.com) and cc: [john.hicks@bureauveritas.com](mailto:john.hicks@bureauveritas.com) to fully explain the circumstance. Although there may be an explanation, this does not guarantee the applicant can apply without the required documentation.

**Q: Can I apply for the 7x24 scholarships if I live out-of-state?**

A: Yes.