Cyber Huntsville's 2025 U.S. Cyber Academy Scholarship Info

When: Sunday, 20 July 2025 – Friday, 25 July 2025

Where: U.S. Cyber Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Alabama. See U.S. Cyber Academy | U.S. Space & Rocket Center for more information.

Who: Any child or grandchild, age 12-14 years old, of a parent, grandparent, or guardian currently associated with Cyber Huntsville through personal membership, membership of an employer, or Cyber Huntsville-supported government organizations.

Selection Criteria: American citizenship, hand-written essay, school grades, and an interest in cyber.

Scholarship includes:

- One week at the U.S. Cyber Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL (20 July – 5 July)
- Daily Class T-shirt
- $25 Wrist Band Stipend

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Cyber Huntsville opens 2025 U.S. Cyber Academy Scholarship Application

April 28, 2025, Application Deadline!

Cyber Huntsville is offering scholarships for selected children to attend a one-week Cyber Academy Camp this summer at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. These scholarships are open to any child, 12-14 years old, of a parent or guardian associated with Cyber Huntsville, either through personal membership or employer, corporate or government, membership, or a Cyber Huntsville-supported government organization.

The scholarship includes one week at the Cyber Academy, from July 20 through July 25, the t-shirt of the day, and a $25 stipend while at camp. Applications can be found at Cyber Huntsville's website.

"We are very excited about the opportunity we are offering our organization members and affiliates," said Rodney Robertson, Director, Center for Corporate Engagement at Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus. "The ability to inspire and grow the future cyber work force in Huntsville and beyond is extremely exciting and rewarding."

The timeline for receiving applications and awarding this summer's Cyber Huntsville scholarships is very tight, and we therefore cannot accept applications after the **deadline of April 28, 2025.** Our goal is to notify the winners starting in May. Immediately following selection and acceptance, we will send recipients an academy application packet. Winners are required to submit the application packet to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

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For more information about the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's U.S. Cyber Academy, visit their website at www.rocketcenter.com. First, click on *Space Camp;* second, *u*nder *Space Camp,* click on *U.S. Cyber Academy.* The extensive information provided on the website should answer most questions concerning the program. To learn more about Cyber Huntsville, visit our website at www.cyberhuntsville.org.

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Student's Name (First MI Last):_____

Student's Age as of 30 June 2025 (12 to 14 only): _____

Student's DOB: _____

Student's Gender_____

If currently married, please fill out both. If single or divorced, fill out only one. If legal guardian, fill out as Parent One.

Parent One's Full Name (First MI Last): _____

Parent One's Contact Info (Phone Number and Email):

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Parent One's Employer: _____

Parent Two's Full Name (First MI Last): _____

Parent Two's Contact Info (Phone Number and Email):

_____ _____

Parent Two's Employer: _____

Mailing Address (location of child/where to mail Space Camp application if selected)

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (with Area Code). Home: _____

Contact Email:_____

Please attach the following items:

1) Copy of the child's most recent school report card. If home schooled, include a letter of courses taken and grades achieved.

2) A short (3-5 paragraphs) hand-written essay prepared and written solely by the child applying for the Space Camp Scholarship on one of the following topics:
    - Why is the recent advancement of Artificial Intelligence significant?
    - Pick a recent data breach or hack that has been in the news; write about what threat actor conducted the attack, how they accomplished the attack, and what could have possibly been done to prevent the successful attack.
    - Why is it important for a company or individual to have backup and recovery for important data?
    - What does cybersecurity mean to you, and what are the biggest threats to the field?
    - Do you think your phone/tablet/computer is able to be compromised? Why or why not?
    - How important do you think keeping software up to date is? Give examples and reasons why.
    - Why is it important for a company or individual to have backup and recovery for important data?
    - Why is cybersecurity important for (pick one)
        - national security,
        - health care,
        - banking, or
        - critical infrastructure?

Please sign and return this completed form, along with the hand-written Space Essay and a copy of your child's most recent report card. Only completed application packages will be reviewed.

Submit by email to info@cyberhuntsville.org.

All applications must be received no later than 5:00PM CT on Monday, 28 April 2025. The Cyber Huntsville Scholarship Committee plans to send scholarship notifications in May.

I certify that the information on this application is correct, the report card is an accurate copy of my student's performance for the current school year, and the attached essay is the sole work of my student. I acknowledge my willingness to have my student attend the U.S. Cyber Academy, and that I must deliver the student to the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL on Sunday, 20 July 2025, and pick them up on Friday, 25 July 2025. I additionally acknowledge that I must cover all travel-related expenses, but housing and food expenses while my student participates in Cyber Academy are included in the scholarship.

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(Parent's Signature) (Date)

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(Printed Name)