

2022 CYRUS SCHOLARSHIP

SUMMARY

The Cyrus Scholarship is awarded each April to one or more students who will be beginning their studies in the College of Science & Engineering at the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis Campus) that fall, or whom are already students of that College. The recipients of this Scholarship are selected based upon their merits by the members of the Cyrus Scholarship Selection Committee.

Disbursed over four years, the Scholarship provides up to a total of \$37,500 to each recipient for them to use towards their undergraduate college expenses as they work towards obtaining their Bachelor's Degree. Applicants for the Scholarship must be graduating (or have previously graduated) from a high school located in Stevens, Pope, Grant, Swift, or Douglas counties within Minnesota. Applicants should have an interest in studies that reflect an emphasis toward Engineering. Engineering gives one the problem-solving capabilities that prepare for a wide range of careers in different fields.

REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

- Cyrus Scholarship applicants must be admitted to the College of Science & Engineering (CSE) at the University of Minnesota. Applicants must start their studies at that College as full-time students in the fall of 2022 at the Minneapolis Campus. Current full-time undergraduate students of that College may also apply for the Cyrus Scholarship so long as they also meet all other requirements.
- Applicants must be planning to obtain a four-year undergraduate degree in a major offered by the CSE. The Cyrus Scholarship has an emphasis on Engineering studies, but those interested in non-engineering undergraduate degrees within the CSE are also encouraged to apply for the Scholarship.
- Applicants must be graduating from a high school located in Stevens, Pope, Grant, Swift, or Douglas counties within Minnesota in 2022. Previous graduates of high schools in these counties may also apply for this Scholarship so long as they also meet all other requirements.
- Once awarded to a recipient, the requirements to continue receiving funds from the Cyrus Scholarship include that the Scholarship Recipient:
 - Continues to attend the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities as a full-time student.
 - Maintains their status as a degree-seeking student in good standing of the College of Science and Engineering.
 - Maintains a grade point average at least sufficient to allow continued studies in the College of Science and Engineering and entry into the Recipient's chosen Major and Department within that College.

- Provides a short status update email to the Cyrus Scholarship Committee to inform us of your progress after the conclusion of each academic year.
- Does not become involved in the abuse of alcohol or drugs.

Consideration for the Scholarship includes: a realistic vision of the environment from education, experience, and innate ability; the ability to show positive visions, to be excited about them and to show leadership in accomplishing them; high physical and emotional energy levels; visualizing components of a problem, and exhibiting principles that are constant, visible, and easy for others to follow; the courage to follow through on visions and principles, and to take on major tasks which demonstrate leadership and boldness.

DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Each new Cyrus Scholarship Recipient will receive \$8,000 for their first year of college. All funds are disbursed directly to the Recipient(s) by the University of Minnesota from the Cyrus Scholarship fund.
- So long as they continue to meet the requirements listed above, each Recipient will receive \$8,000 for their second year and then \$10,000 for each of their third and fourth years.
- At any time during their undergraduate years, the Cyrus Scholarship will also support a one-time purchase of new computer equipment by each Recipient for their personal use. The Scholarship Fund will reimburse the Recipient for half the dollar amount of their purchase up to a maximum reimbursement amount of \$1,500.

GRADUATE STUDIES

Upon finishing their undergraduate studies, Recipients who are accepted by the Graduate School at the University of Minnesota may request additional funding from the Cyrus Scholarship Committee to support their pursuit of an advanced degree. If approved, they would be awarded a stipend of \$10,000 each year for up to two additional years to support their graduate studies.

Past Recipients who have spent the requisite time in industry and want to pursue either a Master of Science in Management of Technology degree in the University of Minnesota, or a Master of Business Administration degree in the Carlson School of Management, would be eligible to apply for Cyrus Scholarship assistance in an amount to be determined by the Scholarship Committee.

If you have any questions regarding the Cyrus Scholarship, please send an email to: alan.estenson@gmail.com

2022 CYRUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials as early as possible. Applications must be received by no later than April 10, 2022. The selected Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified by April 24, 2022.

A complete application will include the following items:

- Pages 4 & 5 of this application – completed by the Applicant.
- Pages 6 & 7 of this application – completed by a High School Official.
- An official copy of the Applicant's high school transcript.
- An unofficial copy of the Applicant's college transcript – if the Applicant has taken any college courses while still in high school (PSEO) or is already a college student.
- An original essay written by the Applicant (max length two pages, double-spaced) on the topic "The Key Skills and Characteristics of a Successful Chief Executive Officer." As part of the research for this essay, the Applicant must interview a current (or former) CEO of any company – in person, by phone, email, video chat, or other appropriate methods.
- One or more pages (include as many as are needed) describing the Applicant's activities and honors in his/her school and community, any employment experience, and so forth.
- Two letters of recommendation by teachers, counselors, or employers.

Complete all materials and mail in **one packet** to:

Alan Estenson
Chair, Cyrus Scholarship Selection Committee
14949 Overlook Drive
Savage, MN 55378

Completed applications may also be submitted by email as a PDF attachment.

Please send questions or completed applications to
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The Applicant must complete the following sections on pages 4 & 5:

Contact Information	
Applicant's Name	
Mailing Address (line 1)	
Mailing Address (line 2)	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
County of Residence	
Email Address	
Telephone Number	
Alternate Phone	
High School	
Parent(s) Name(s)	
Have you been admitted to the University of Minnesota – College of Science & Engineering? (Check one.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are you planning to be a full-time student at the U of M CSE Minneapolis Campus for the 2022 – 2023 academic year? (Check one.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Have you submitted your admitted student enrollment confirmation and fee to reserve your place at the U of M? (Check one.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<i>If you checked NO on any of the three lines above, please attach an explanation on a separate sheet.</i>	
Intended College Major	

Letters of Recommendation	
List the names of the two teachers, counselors, or employers who will be submitting letters of reference on the Applicant's behalf.	
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Career Goals	
Short Term	
Long Term	

Applicant's Signature	
Date	

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A High School Official must complete the following sections on pages 6 & 7:

Please attach an official copy of the Applicant's high school transcript to this application and submit the complete application as early as possible. Applications must be received by no later than April 10, 2022.

If the Applicant has taken any college courses while still in high school (PSEO), they should also include an unofficial copy of their college transcript with this Application.

High School Information	
High School	
Mailing Address (line 1)	
Mailing Address (line 2)	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
County	
Name of the High School Official Completing This Form	
Position	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

Applicant Information			
Applicant's Name			
To the best of your knowledge, has he / she been accepted by and plans to attend the University of Minnesota – College of Science & Engineering in the fall of 2022? (check one box)			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Student's Class Rank		in a class of	
Student's Cumulative GPA			

ACT Test Scores	
English	
Mathematics	
Reading	
Science	
Composite	

Any other relevant information:

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