

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones (black, brown, tan, and light skin) reaching towards the center. The hands are set against a background of colorful, geometric patterns in shades of red, yellow, green, and blue. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the main title text.

OPTIV BLACK EMPLOYEE NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

Fostering the Next Generation of Cybersecurity Professionals

About Optiv's Black Employee Network Scholarship Fund

Optiv is a security solutions integrator – a “one-stop” trusted partner with a singular focus on cybersecurity. We serve more than 7,000 clients in 65 countries around the world, including more than 80 percent of Fortune 100 companies. Our end-to-end cybersecurity capabilities span risk management and transformation, cyber digital transformation, threat management, security operations, identity and data management, and integration and innovation.

We believe in fostering a diverse and inclusive culture and giving back in the communities where we live and operate. It's part of our DNA and our pledge to seek out and embrace diverse people and perspectives.

In that spirit, we are proud to announce the creation of Optiv's Black Employee Network Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship is sponsored by Optiv's Black Employee Network, an employee-driven initiative part of Optiv's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program. The group strives to create a safe place for Black employees to create connections, grow personally and professionally and cultivate opportunities in the cybersecurity industry.

Optiv and Optiv's Black Employee Network will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$40,000 (\$10,000 per year for four years) to a Black/African American student who is pursuing a degree in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field with the goal of becoming an information security professional.

It's our hope that this scholarship will help Black/African American students pursue their dream of higher education and a career in the cybersecurity field.

For more information, visit www.optiv.com.

In order to apply for this scholarship, the candidate must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior.
2. Be able to verify acceptance into an eligible degree program (including but not limited to computer science, electrical engineering, math, etc.).
3. Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 on 4.0 scale.
4. Maintain a cumulative undergrad GPA of at least 3.2 on 4.0 scale to remain eligible for the scholarship over the course of four years.
5. Be planning a career in cybersecurity/information security.
6. Complete the scholarship application and include a one-page essay and two letters of reference.
7. Identify as Black and/or African American (African, African American, Caribbean, for example) and be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. national or permanent resident.

Award Amount:
\$40,000 over four years

Application Form

Thank you for applying for Optiv's Black Employee Network Scholarship! To be considered to receive this \$40,000 scholarship (\$10,000 per year for four years), please complete and submit the following application by **January 8, 2021** to:

- **BEN-Steering@optiv.com**; OR
- Via mail to ATTN: Optiv Human Resources, 1144 15th St., Ste. 2900, Denver, CO 80202

Incomplete applications will *not* be considered. Award selection will be based on a combination of your written essay response, academic achievement and **a final interview to be conducted via Zoom.**

Thank you and good luck!

Name of Student

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Full name of your high school and city/state it is located in

Unweighted GPA

High school graduation year

Planned Field of Study in college

Anticipated Date of College Graduation

List any awards and/or scholarships you have received.

List any volunteer experiences over the past two years.
(Include name of organization and phone number)

Please attach the following items to this application form:

1. Two letters of reference (one academic and one from work, volunteer, or mentor).
2. A one-page essay (12 point font, Times New Roman, single space) providing us with your personal background, why you deserve this scholarship, and how the scholarship will help you achieve your goals in the STEM field.
3. An official school transcript, please send an electronic copy to BEN-Steering@optiv.com.

Signature

Date

All scholarship checks will be made payable to the college/university for the student. Half of the total award will be paid toward the fall semester and the remainder will be applied to the spring semester.



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