



## GOAL Academy/Lenovo Technology Scholarship Fund Requirements

GOAL Academy is proud to offer a Technology-based scholarship for students seeking an educational or career pathway into the Information Technology sector, courtesy of our generous partners at the Lenovo Foundation.

A career in IT can open many doors throughout life. The exciting world of IT isn't just computers, servers, or networks. IT can involve career pathways into leadership, sales, marketing, customer relationships, coding and application development, video game design, data science, and so much more!

Technology professionals can be confident of future employment opportunities throughout their lives. Technology is always changing and growing. A career in IT guarantees challenging, rewarding work with an opportunity to always be growing.

The Technology Scholarship Fund is available to all GOAL Academy students in their Senior year. Scholarship amounts are available to students based on their chosen pathway.

### Basic requirements for application:

1. Current GOAL Academy student in Senior year.
2. Funds must be utilized on a Technology-based pathway.
  - a. Post-secondary: Applied to a degree program focused on an IT discipline
  - b. Workforce readiness: Applied to an IT based industry certification pathway
3. Must be eligible to graduate the same year the scholarship is applied for.
4. Student must be in good standing, passing all classes with a 2.0 GPA or better and completing required weekly work.

### Preferred requirements for application:

1. Student is an active CTE or concurrent enrollment student in Technology coursework.
2. Student is an active participant on the GOAL Academy eGladiators Team (eSports).
3. Student has completed a work study with the GOAL Tech Team.

### Scholarship award amounts (up to two of each may be awarded per school year):

1. Post-secondary Pathway:
  - a. For students enrolling in a Technology-based degree pathway, up to \$3000 will be made available in the Technology Scholarship Fund.
  - b. Students must submit to GOAL Academy a course enrollment schedule from an accredited post-secondary institution including Technology courses.

**Commented [EW1]:** @Jamie Trujillo perhaps have CTE or Concurrent Enrollment student

**Commented [JT2R1]:** We can do that. I was hoping to drive some interest into the upcoming CTE program, but always happy to include more as well.

**Commented [EW3R1]:** @Jamie Trujillo totally get that! It just looks like they have 2 pathways with which they can use the funds, college path or career path, so we might want to include both high school paths as well. :)

**Commented [JT4R1]:** @Elizabeth Wiggins cool! If we add CCE, can we ask that they are taking some type of Technology courses?

**Commented [EW5]:** @Jamie Trujillo course enrollment schedule

**Commented [JT6R5]:** Got it. Will include that.

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2. Workforce readiness Pathway:
  - a. For students wishing to take a Technology industry certification, up to **\$1000** will be made available in the Technology Scholarship Fund.
  - b. The funds may be used to pay for study materials and the actual certification exam.
  - c. Funds will be reimbursed to a student upon submission to GOAL Academy of receipts for purchase of study materials and certification exams.

**How to apply for the Tech Scholarship:**

1. Interested students should work with their local counseling team to submit the following:
  - a. Letter of interest detailing the following:
    - i. Your interest in Technology
    - ii. Your future career goals and plans
    - iii. How this opportunity will impact your life
  - b. Plan for use of scholarship funds
  - c. Resume of work completed or academic achievement
  - d. Letter of recommendation from a GOAL staff member

**Commented [EW7]:** @Jamie Trujillo we do something similar for the ASCENT program - we say 1. "letter of interest" that includes career goals that align with the scholarship, plan for use of monies (course registration, technology needs, tuition, etc), and how this scholarship will impact your life. 2. Letter of recommendation from GOAL staff member or CE/CTE instructor. Just a heads up to what we do in case you want to align.

**Commented [JT8R7]:** Would you mind providing that language for me?

**Commented [EW9R7]:** Please write an essay describing your interest in the ASCENT program and how this opportunity will impact your future. Include information about your concurrent enrollment experience and your future goals.

**Commented [JT10R7]:** @Elizabeth Wiggins got it! Watch for the edits...thanks!

**Commented [JT11R7]:** Okay, I added it. How does that look?

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