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Next Gen Scholars Program

1. What is the Next-Gen Scholars program?

It is partnership between the Iowa Communications Alliance and DMACC to create opportunity to help train our future workforce and at the same time promote DMACC Network Technology-Telecommunication programs. This scholarship covers three quarters of tuition for either the [Network Technology – Telecommunications Certificate](#) or the [Network Technology – Telecom/Data Communications AAS Degree](#). The ICA Sponsoring Telecommunications Company may also offer a mentoring program including paid or unpaid internship opportunities while the student attends DMACC. Successful completion of the DMACC program usually qualifies graduates for an interview at the ICA Sponsoring Company with a competitive salary and excellent advancement potential, though there is not guarantee of employment.

2. Who can apply?

In order to apply you must first be accepted by DMACC, or be currently enrolled at DMACC, and be at least 18 years of age.

3. How do I apply?

You will need to complete an application for the Next Gen Scholars Program. The application is available at <https://www.iacomcommunicationsall.org/ica-scholarship-programs>

In addition, you will need to provide:

- High school transcripts or proof of GED completion
- College or university transcripts (if applicable)
- ACT/SAT Scores or ACCUPLACER Classic Scores (See DMACC Application regarding this requirement.)
- A letter of recommendation from non-family members. The letter should contain information about why you would be a good candidate for this academic program and a good employee.

4. What does the scholarship cover?

Three quarters of the tuition required to complete either the DMACC Network Technology – Telecommunications Certificate or the Network Technology – Telecom/Data Communications AAS Degree will be covered by ICA, the ICA Sponsoring Telecommunications Company, and DMACC. The Next Gen Scholarship would be renewed at the end of each semester for the following semester as long as the following requirements are met:

- Maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.5
- Submit the previous semester's grades, next semester's schedule and current DMACC bill to ICA
- Complete any items agreed upon between the student and the ICA Sponsoring Telecommunications Company

5. What happens if the above criteria are not met?

Failure to complete the requirements will result in the termination of financial support through the Next Gen Scholar program.

6. Who do I contact for more information?

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For more information, visit

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