

# 5 WAYS CYBERSECURITY IS LIKE GAMING— BUT BETTER!

## GET INTO THE GAME

Learn About DHS Cybersecurity Jobs, Internships & More!  
Visit [niccs.us-cert.gov/](https://niccs.us-cert.gov/)

### Apply to a Top Cybersecurity Defense Program

The National Centers of Academic Excellence (CAEs) are colleges and universities recognized by the Department of Homeland Security and National Security Agency for having great 2- and 4-year cybersecurity programs. There are currently 266 CAEs in 47 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.  
[nsa.gov/resources/educators/centers-academic-excellence/](https://nsa.gov/resources/educators/centers-academic-excellence/)

## Get Paid to Become a Cybersecurity Expert

CyberCorps<sup>®</sup>: Scholarship for Service (SFS) helps you earn a degree from a highly-regarded cybersecurity program that may lead to a government job when you graduate. You can receive up to \$22,500 yearly for college, and up to \$34,000 yearly for grad school. Once you're accepted, work with your advisor to apply for a SFS scholarship.

To find participating schools, visit [sfs.opm.gov/](https://sfs.opm.gov/)

### 1 YOU GET TO USE THE LATEST TECH

Or even create it!

### 2 YOU GET TO BEAT THE BAD GUYS

Protect technology and data from criminals who try to steal cash, identities, or that break others' systems online.

### 3 YOU CAN GET AWESOME REWARDS

A variety of cybersecurity scholarships are available. After graduation, jobs can lead to an average salary of \$116,000.

### 4 YOU GET TO BE PART OF A COOL COMMUNITY

Like "white hat hackers" who test system security, cryptographers who make and break codes, and people in digital forensics who are cyber detectives.

### 5 YOU GET TO HAVE IMPACT

Cybersecurity careers let you do interesting, exciting, and challenging work. Best of all, your work protects your family and friends, the places you care about, the services you need—and your own privacy, freedom, and way of life.

