



SANS Cyber Academy

Application Guide 2024

Thank you for considering the SANS Cyber Academy. Please review this guide before you start an application. It is important to understand the application process and eligibility requirements as they may vary by academy.

Eligibility

The SANS Cyber Academy, which include the SANS Women’s Cyber Academy, the SANS Veterans Cyber Academy and the SANS Diversity Cyber Academy is open only to U.S. citizens and Permanent Legal Residents (Green Card holders) currently residing in the U.S.

The application form for each of these three academies is the same, so **you only need to submit one application to be considered for our Academy Programs**. This single application will be reviewed for all three programs, so there’s no need to submit multiple applications.

If your application is not accepted for one program, it will not be considered for the other two, so you do not need to submit a new application. Only one application will be accepted per round.

By applying once, you’ll receive a decision that covers all three Academy Programs.

Non-U.S. citizens are not eligible to apply.

How to Apply

The application process is a 3-step process:

1. Start an application

- Complete the online application form. Follow the instructions via the ‘Apply Now’ button on the webpage by choosing “Start a New Application”.

- If you do not already have a SANS account, you must create an account to access the application form. Once you have created or logged into your SANS account, you can continue your application form.

2. Qualifying Aptitude Assessment

- Once you have filled out and submitted your initial application, you must complete an online assessment before the application deadline of November 19, 2024, at 10:00am ET.
- Applicants will receive an email with instructions for accessing the online assessment.
- You will not receive results of your aptitude assessment.
- If you meet our minimum score, you will be invited to continue in the application process.

Please note – all applicants must complete the online assessment. By not completing the assessment, SANS cannot continue forward with your application.

3. Final Step

- If you score within our minimum range on the assessment, you will be invited to submit supporting documents to complete your application. **Note that an invitation to complete your application does not guarantee admission.**
- All candidates will receive notification of acceptance or denial, the notification timeframe is dependent on the volume of applications.
- The application process is a competitive process. You must be invited to each of the stages listed above.
- **All applicants will lose access to the online assessment and application form upon application close at 10 am ET on November 19, 2024.**

Additional Information

- Any requests for an extended application deadline will not be considered out of fairness to other applicants. If you cannot meet the deadline, you are welcome to apply in the future.
- SANS will not consider applicants currently enrolled in college, due to the time commitment required to successfully complete the SANS Cyber Academy.
- Due to the expected high volume of applications, SANS will not be able to address any inquiries related to denial decisions.

Application Schedule 2024

	Date	Time	
Application open	Nov. 4, 2024	10:00am ET	
Application close	Nov. 19, 2024	10:00am ET	
Enrollment decisions released	Jan. 2, 2025	5:00pm ET	Subject to change
Acceptance enrollment deadline	Jan. 17, 2025	10:00am ET	
New Student Orientation	Jan. 27, 2025	TBD	
Academy training start	Feb. 3, 2025		