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# CYBERPATRIOT

NATIONAL YOUTH CYBER EDUCATION PROGRAM



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## CyberPatriot Center of Excellence Program

The CyberPatriot Center of Excellence (COE) program recognizes higher education institutions, government organizations, and other entities for exceptional support in promoting and supporting the CyberPatriot program.

### BENEFITS

COEs are recognized as leading institutions and organizations in promoting STEM and cyber education. COEs receive additional attention from the CyberPatriot program in piloting new programs and processes. They are eligible for additional support as may be offered by CyberPatriot sponsors to include grants and internships, and they may be targeted as recipients for hardware or software grants. COEs also receive regional and national media attention from the CyberPatriot program.

### RECOGNITION ELEMENTS

Designated organizations will receive a framed COE certificate and an electronic version of a customized COE logo which they are then permitted to publish and display.

### ELIGIBILITY

Center of Excellence eligibility is open to:

- Non-profit organizations
- City, county, and other municipalities
- Non-profit consortia of organizations, firms, or businesses in relevant areas , e.g.—technology, STEM education, cybersecurity
- State or other groupings of participating organizations (e.g.—State-wide Wings of Civil Air Patrol, Scouting Councils, etc.)
- School districts and school collectives (e.g.—academy groupings, home school co-ops, etc.)
- Higher education institutions such as community colleges, colleges, and universities

Center of Excellence eligibility is NOT open to:

- For profit corporations or businesses
- Entire states
- Individual schools
- Individual CyberPatriot teams

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

Nominations consist of a one-page written statement addressing why the eligible entity should be awarded Center of Excellence status. Explanations should include concrete examples of the entity's efforts to promote CyberPatriot. The one-page statement should be attached to a forwarding cover letter signed by the head of the entity asking for consideration for COE status. Applications are considered and approved by the CyberPatriot Commissioner within 30 days of receipt based on staff recommendations. Applications received that are over one page in length or which are not accompanied by a signed cover letter will not be considered.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Centers of Excellence are selected based on:

- Success in recruiting high schools, middle schools, and other youth organizations to compete in CyberPatriot yearly cyber defense competition
- Distribution and implementation of CyberPatriot's Elementary School Education Initiative within local schools
- Participation in hosting an AFA CyberCamp
- Sustained support of the CyberPatriot mentor program
- Persistent promotion of CyberPatriot through media attention and other outlets
- Success in building civic, community, industry, and education partnerships in promoting CyberPatriot
- Demonstration of support and recognition to CyberPatriot participants in the community

## SUBMISSION

Applications may be submitted any time by email (including a scanned copy of the signed forwarding letter) to [info@uscyberpatriot.org](mailto:info@uscyberpatriot.org) or by U.S. Mail to:

The Air Force Association  
ATTN: CyberPatriot Program Office  
1501 Lee Highway, Suite 400  
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