

**CT State Community College**  
**Equitable IT Pathways Initiative Grant**  
**Program Information**

The Equitable IT Pathways Initiative (EIT PI) project is a U.S. Department of Labor grant funded project. EIT PI is providing Scholarships for students who are enrolled in EIT PI approved programs.

**Eligible Participants**

- **New Entrants to the Workforce:** Individuals who have never worked before or have been out of the workforce for a long enough time as though they are entering the workforce for the first time. This may include, but is not limited to, long-term unemployed individuals and formerly incarcerated individuals. Also eligible are youth who are enrolled in their junior or senior year of high school/secondary school and could be employed before or within six months after the grant life cycle end and youth who have dropped out of school and are seeking their first full-time job.
- **Dislocated workers:** Individuals who were terminated or laid off or have received notice of termination or lay off from employment, or were self-employed and now unemployed or underemployed.
- **Unemployed:** Individuals that do not have a job, have actively looked for work and are currently available for work.
- **Long-Term Unemployed:** 27 or More Consecutive Weeks
- **Underemployed:** Individuals employed less than full-time who are seeking full-time employment; Individuals who are employed in a position that is inadequate with respect to their skills and training; Individuals who are employed who meet the definition of a low-income individual.
- **Employed:** An individual who is a paid employee or self-employed.
- **Incumbent workers:** Individuals employed with any employer who need the training to secure full-time employment, advance in their careers, or retain their current occupations. This includes low-wage and medium-wage workers who need to upgrade their skills to retain employment or advance in their careers and workers who are currently working part-time.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Student must take an entrance exam that will assess the student's IT knowledge. Student score will be used to determine the need for IT Bootcamp, or placement in one of the certificates.
- US Citizenship, or legal status to work in the US
- Social Security card (signed)
- Selective Service registration
  - Show registration for males between the ages of 18-25.
  - A chart with the list of all who have to register can be found here:  
<https://www.sss.gov/register/who-needs-to-register/>
- Veterans/Dependents, DD-21 or VA records printout
  - [www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records)
- Veterans, Unemployed and Dislocated workers will be given preference.
- Household income must be at 300% or less of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**Application process**

- CT State Registration form
- Equitable IT Pathways Initiative Scholarship form

- Identification documents (Original or notarized copies that are not expired):
  - Photo ID
  - Proof of Citizenship or valid residency
    - List of acceptable documents is available on the scholarship application
  - Social Security card
  - If a Veteran, copies of the DD-21 or VA records are needed
  - If Selective Service enrollment, or additional documentation

### **Approved Programs**

#### **IT Bootcamp Course, 24 hours.**

- A foundational introduction to Information Technologies software and hardware.

#### **Artificial Intelligence Certificate**

- Intro to Generative AI, 10 hours
- AI in Society: Ethical & Social Implications, 15 hours
- Generative AI for Business & Creative Professionals, 15 hours

#### **IT Support Certificate**

- Prerequisite: IT Bootcamp, 24hrs
- CompTIA A+ Certification, 72hrs
- CompTIA Network + Certification, 60hrs
- Microsoft Office Specialist, 42hrs
- AWS Cloud Foundations Certification, 24hrs

#### **Web Developer Certificate**

- Web Design, 30hrs
- Google Data Analytics Certificate, 180hrs
- Google UX Design Certificate, 200hrs
- JAVA, 30hrs
- PHP/MYSQL, 18hrs

#### **Cybersecurity/Information Security Certificate**

- Prerequisite: IT Bootcamp, 24hrs
- CompTIA A+ Certification, 72hrs
- CompTIA Network+ Certification, 60hrs
- Fundamentals of Linux, 24hrs
- Python Basics, 24hrs
- CompTIA Security+ Certification, 60hrs
- Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery, 6hrs
- Ethical Hacking, 35hrs

### **Stipends and Supports**

- Stipends may be provided for course and certificate program completion.
- Laptops will be provided to eligible students.

*CT State College's Equitable IT Pathways Initiative is \$6.7M. \$5.0M (75%) is funded through a Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration grant and another \$1.7M (25%) is committed through non-federal state and local resources.*