



LAST MILE EDUCATION FUND

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About Last Mile Education Fund

Founded in 2020, Last Mile Education Fund addresses the financial gap for tech students from financially vulnerable communities. With an abundance approach, Last Mile disrupts traditional scholarship models, providing just-in-time funding and social support to students in tech and engineering fields.

Key Stats

- 58% of students experience basic needs insecurity.
- **Top 5 Funding Needs:**
 - Tuition/Fees (39%),
 - Rent (17%),
 - Bills (17%),
 - Industry Certification (6%)
 - Devices- 5%
- 69% of grantees are students of color.

Sample Syllabus Statement

If you're facing financial obstacles that are impacting your ability to complete your education, I want to make sure you're aware of the Last Mile Education Fund. This resource provides assistance specifically for students like you who are nearing the end of their academic journey but are encountering financial hurdles. Whether it's help with tuition, living expenses, or unexpected emergencies, the Last Mile Education Fund is here to support you. Last Mile Education Fund increases diversity in tech by providing grants to under-represented college students pursuing tech-related degrees and careers. Funding is available for 2-year & 4-year students enrolled at a U.S. institution. Awards are available year-round. Apply or learn more at lastmile-ed.org/apply.

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Email Template for Students

Subject: Financial Support Opportunity for Your Educational Journey

Body:

Dear [Student's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I understand that the final stages of your education can be challenging, especially when faced with financial hurdles. I would like to share an opportunity that might be of interest to you: the Last Mile Education Fund.

This fund provides financial assistance to students who are close to completing their education but are struggling due to financial constraints. They offer various types of grants to support students like you. Whether it's assistance with tuition, living expenses, or emergency needs, the Last Mile Education Fund is here to help.

I encourage you to explore their website and consider applying if it aligns with your needs. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or need guidance on the application process.

Wishing you the best in your academic pursuits,

[Your Name] [Your Position]

Presentation Slide

Include a slide about the Last Mile Education Fund in your class presentations. Right click and save the image below to download.



HAVE YOU HIT A BUMP IN THE ROAD?

Last Mile Education Fund increases diversity in tech by providing grants to under-represented college students pursuing tech-related degrees and careers.

Funding is available for 2-year & 4-year students enrolled at a U.S. institution. Grants can be used to cover expenses such as a new laptop device, groceries, car repairs, or even an unexpected medical bill.

APPLY TODAY! 
WWW.LASTMILE-ED.ORG/APPLY

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER 



The slide features a vertical collage of six diverse students in graduation gowns on the left. The main text is centered and includes a QR code for application on the left and another for the newsletter on the right.

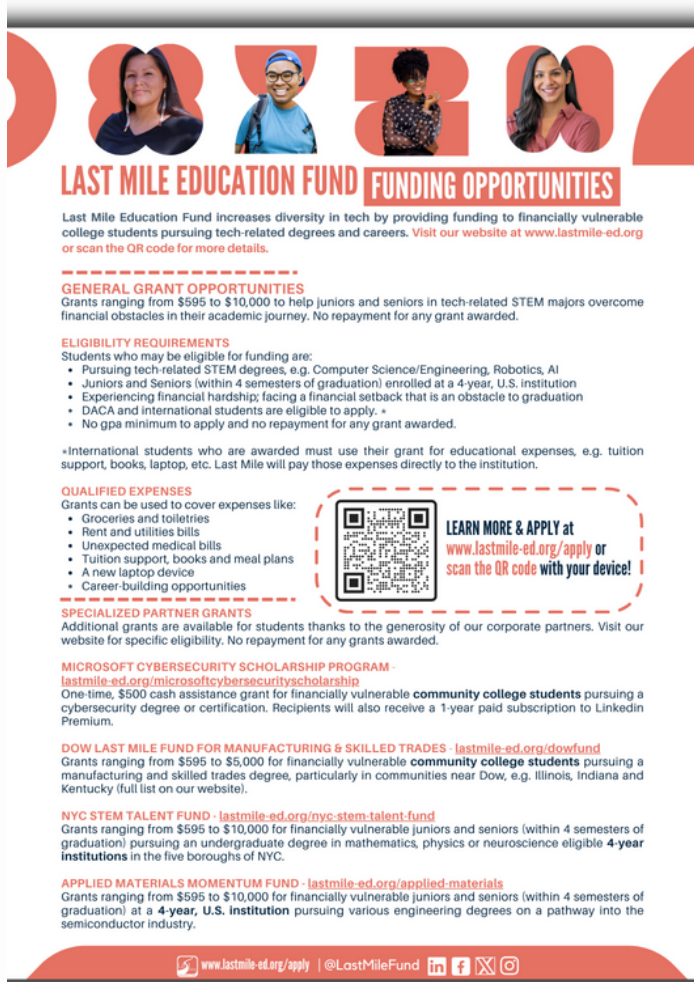


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One Pagers

Downloadable one pagers are available for display in common areas and bulletin boards. Right click and save the images to download.



LAST MILE EDUCATION FUND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Last Mile Education Fund increases diversity in tech by providing funding to financially vulnerable college students pursuing tech-related degrees and careers. [Visit our website at www.lastmile-ed.org](http://www.lastmile-ed.org) or scan the QR code for more details.

GENERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
Grants ranging from \$595 to \$10,000 to help juniors and seniors in tech-related STEM majors overcome financial obstacles in their academic journey. No repayment for any grant awarded.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Students who may be eligible for funding are:

- Pursuing tech-related STEM degrees, e.g. Computer Science/Engineering, Robotics, AI
- Juniors and Seniors (within 4 semesters of graduation) enrolled at a 4-year, U.S. institution
- Experiencing financial hardship; facing a financial setback that is an obstacle to graduation
- DACA and international students are eligible to apply. *
- No gpa minimum to apply and no repayment for any grant awarded.

*International students who are awarded must use their grant for educational expenses, e.g. tuition support, books, laptop, etc. Last Mile will pay those expenses directly to the institution.

QUALIFIED EXPENSES
Grants can be used to cover expenses like:

- Groceries and toiletries
- Rent and utilities bills
- Unexpected medical bills
- Tuition support, books and meal plans
- A new laptop device
- Career-building opportunities

SPECIALIZED PARTNER GRANTS
Additional grants are available for students thanks to the generosity of our corporate partners. Visit our website for specific eligibility. No repayment for any grants awarded.

MICROSOFT CYBERSECURITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - lastmile-ed.org/microsoftcybersecurityscholarship
One-time, \$500 cash assistance grant for financially vulnerable **community college students** pursuing a cybersecurity degree or certification. Recipients will also receive a 1-year paid subscription to LinkedIn Premium.

DOW LAST MILE FUND FOR MANUFACTURING & SKILLED TRADES - lastmile-ed.org/dowfund
Grants ranging from \$595 to \$5,000 for financially vulnerable **community college students** pursuing a manufacturing and skilled trades degree, particularly in communities near Dow, e.g. Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky (full list on our website).

NYC STEM TALENT FUND - lastmile-ed.org/nyc-stem-talent-fund
Grants ranging from \$595 to \$10,000 for financially vulnerable juniors and seniors (within 4 semesters of graduation) pursuing an undergraduate degree in mathematics, physics or neuroscience eligible **4-year institutions** in the five boroughs of NYC.

APPLIED MATERIALS MOMENTUM FUND - lastmile-ed.org/applied-materials
Grants ranging from \$595 to \$10,000 for financially vulnerable juniors and seniors (within 4 semesters of graduation) at a **4-year, U.S. institution** pursuing various engineering degrees on a pathway into the semiconductor industry.

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Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship Program
Microsoft and Last Mile Education Fund have partnered together to provide a one-time, \$500 cash assistance grant for financially vulnerable community college student pursuing cybersecurity pathways.

Grants can be used for certification exam costs, tuition and books, groceries, utilities bills, a new laptop device and much more!

There is **no GPA requirement** to apply and **no repayment** for any grant awarded.

SECURE YOUR FUTURE IN CYBERSECURITY.

Scholarship recipients also receive a:

- Free, 1-year, LinkedIn Premium Subscription (one time only)
- Free membership to Global Mentors Initiative
- Free Github Global Campus Student Developer Tools

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