



Michael Stanton USAF Cyber Scholarship

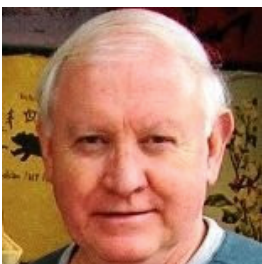
2022 Scholarship Amount: \$2,500 matching for all 2021 contributions plus amount budgeted by Boise ISSA officers.

Boise ISSA is proud to offer an annual scholarship each spring to qualified candidates:

- USAF recruit, ROTC, active, or retired is required.
- Pursuing training or degree in cybersecurity.
- Must be a person of character and service unto others.

Scholarship applications are accepted in the month of April of each calendar year. To apply for this scholarship candidates may submit a 350-500 word submission (~2 pages) on why they are the best candidate for the scholarship and how they intend to serve their country and people. Boise ISSA officers and/or sub-committees review candidates to select the best forerunner(s) followed by a 30-minute interview, conducted in May of each calendar year.

The winner of the scholarship is announced at the Boise ISSA annual members only meeting in June of each year, with the awardee receiving a complimentary one-year ISSA membership along with their scholarship.



Michael Stanton served as a faithful backbone of the Boise ISSA startup since near its inception at the turn of the century. For over 16 years he served in various roles working hard to promote cybersecurity to our community and beyond. He lost his battle against cancer in June 2021.

Michael had a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York; an MBA from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA; and a master's degree in Information Technology from American Intercontinental University, Chicago, IL. Graduating from **West Point** in 1973, Michael was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force and spent the next 28 years as a frontline combat aviator in a variety of missions, including electronic combat, air superiority, air defense, surface attack, and reconnaissance. He is a graduate of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School (**Top Gun**) and was a member of the initial cadre of aviators in the EF-111A Tactical Jamming System program.

Prior to joining ACHD, Michael was the Program Chair for the School of Information Technology at the Boise, Idaho campus of ITT Technical Institute. Teaching in the Information Systems Cybersecurity program at ITT Tech, Michael's passion was in the areas of infrastructure (router, switch) security, data security and compliance. More recently, Michael was one of five members of ISSA who were inducted into the **ISSA International Fellows** class of 2019.