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Las Vegas IT Leaders launch Las Vegas Dollars for Scholars

The leaders in the IT community have partnered with Scholarship America, a national 501(c)3 non-profit, to create a community based scholarship foundation - Las Vegas Dollars for Scholars. This Las Vegas Dollars for Scholars chapter affiliate has been formed to address the need for Information Technology (IT) talent in the workforce. The Las Vegas Dollars for Scholars community scholarship foundation will address workforce shortages that exist within the #1 growing career field nationally. This collaborative effort between business, academia, and government will ensure that our community prepares for the workforce of tomorrow.

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Our community Scholarship chapter will provide scholarship opportunities to individuals for the purpose of attaining skills for meaningful employment within the IT sector. By achieving meaningful employment, our chapter will then provide additional assistance for lifelong learning through formal higher education. It is our intent to build a broad base of stakeholders within the community to identify educational programs across all industries and sectors to ensure our state has a tech savvy workforce. The following individuals will be served:

- Adult dislocated
- Youth and At-risk youth
- Incumbent workers (company sponsored)
- Veterans

Linda Montgomery, President of Las Vegas Dollars for Scholars states *"it is essential that we foster, energize, and promote a robust network and an integrated ecosystem of IT education, training, and workforce development. It is an essential element to our state's planned economic development and will ensure we develop a talent pipeline for the employer community. And most importantly, the students funded through these scholarships will attain skills demanded by the IT employer community which will lead to high-wage sustainable careers for Nevadans."* Laura Fucci, CIO of the City of Henderson states *"this program will help Nevada expand its IT workforce to meet its ever-growing demand for technologists by leveraging our local resources and potential. Being an IT employer, I am thrilled about the launch of Las Vegas Dollars for Scholars and what it can bring to our community."*

About Our Town Dollars for Scholars®

Dollars for Scholars is a nonprofit volunteer organization that provides local graduating seniors with financial and academic assistance to help them pursue higher education. Last year the affiliate distributed more than \$18,000 in scholarships to area students. More information is available at www.ourtown.dollarsforscholars.org.

About Scholarship America®

Scholarship America mobilizes support for students getting into and graduating from college. Since 1958, Scholarship America has distributed more than \$3.1 billion in scholarship assistance to more than 2 million students, funding both entry-level and multi-year scholarships and emergency financial grants. More information is available at www.scholarshipamerica.org.