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## **National Education Foundation offers immediate, “recession relief” scholarships for online training courses**

*3,000+ CyberLearning IT and business courses available to job seekers, employees, students and teachers through June 30, 2008*

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.—May 13, 2008--** Dr. Appu Kuttan, Chairman of the National Education Foundation (NEF), announced today an expanded nationwide initiative to provide “recession relief” scholarships for its CyberLearning program to a million low and middle income individuals affected by current economic challenges -- or those simply wanting to excel further in the workplace.

The One Million Scholarships Program offers subsidized high quality web-based courses (includes 30 certifications) in IT, business, test-prep, K-12 math, science and technology education. The curriculum packages, each containing 100-400 courses and valued individually at \$400-\$800, are fully subsidized by the Foundation scholarships. The user pays a nominal registration fee of \$25 for any course package. The Foundation courses provide new or improved skills or prep for certifications in Microsoft, Cisco, Adobe, CompTia, Oracle, Office Applications, networking, programming, web design, project management, etc. The course catalog containing 3000 courses grouped into 30+ course packages can be viewed at [www.nefusa.org/courses](http://www.nefusa.org/courses)

"The fear of recession is forcing individuals, especially those at low and middle incomes, small businesses and others, to cut back on training, which is normally expensive. At the same time, the U.S. Labor Department is predicting a shortage of two million IT workers by 2010. An obvious solution is to make job skills training affordable to our low and middle income individuals. That is the rationale for this important initiative," noted Dr. Kuttan, a worldwide leader in bridging the digital divide.

“With tough economic times upon us, the timing could not be better,” noted Dr. Kuttan. The courses are available immediately and expire on June 30, 2008 with renewal options.

To apply for these “recession relief” scholarships and begin learning immediately, visit [www.nefusa.org/scholarships](http://www.nefusa.org/scholarships)

### **About National Education Foundation**

National Education Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization, headquartered in metropolitan Washington, DC, is the world's leading non-profit organization bridging the digital and academic divides through online education. Its premier project, CyberLearning, provides IT, business, digital literacy, test prep, math and science education to millions in many countries including the U.S., India, Egypt, Jordan, and Mauritius. [www.nefusa.org](http://www.nefusa.org)

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