



# CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE 2023

## INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION!

### WE ARE COUNTING ON EDUCATORS LIKE YOU TO HELP US PROMOTE STEM EDUCATION AMONG TODAY'S YOUTH

One of the best ways to inspire your students to dream big is to incorporate the Congressional App Challenge into your existing student curriculum.

- Students can code in teams of up to four, coding their apps on any platform, in any coding language, and on any topic.
- It couldn't be easier to incorporate the Congressional App Challenge into your existing programming, providing students with additional inspiration and incentive.
- The 2023 Congressional App Challenge will officially launch on June 15th, and students can submit applications through November 1st, 2023, making it a perfect initiative for any Summer or Fall programs.

### INCORPORATING THE APP CHALLENGE INTO YOUR CLASS

1. Have your students submit a project you've already assigned to the App Challenge.
  - The App Challenge accepts apps on anything - so having your students submit a project they'll already be working on is the simplest way to get your students involved in the challenge.
2. Create a new project for students specifically for the App Challenge.
  - Ready to take things to the next level? Assign your students a project specifically for the Congressional App Challenge. Have them code an app for civic good knowing that their creation will be reviewed by their Member of Congress.
3. Assign the App Challenge as extra credit for students.
  - Not sure if you have the time to include the App Challenge into your curriculum this year? Assign the App Challenge as an extra credit project for your most enterprising students.

#### ABOUT US:

The Congressional App Challenge (CAC) is a public effort to encourage kids to learn how to code, through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district.

Middle and High School students in participating districts can submit their original apps to Congress through November 1st, 2023.

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## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. Students are only eligible to compete in districts that have signed up for the Challenge.
2. Students may only compete in a single district.
3. Students may only submit one application.
4. Students may compete in either:
  - a. The district in which they reside, or
  - b. The district in which they attend school.
5. Students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four.
  - a. If competing as a team: at least 50% of the teammates must be eligible to compete in the district in which they are submitting their app.
6. Middle school and high school students are eligible. Students may not participate after having graduated high school.
7. The Challenge is subject to all applicable United States federal laws and regulations. Participation constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement to the Official Rules.

## WHEN CAN STUDENTS ENTER THE CHALLENGE?

The registration and "Submission Period" starts at 12:00 PM (noon) Eastern Time ("ET"), June 15th, 2023. Students should try to register before September 30th, 2023 (registration indicates your intent to compete). The deadline to submit the app is 12:00 PM ET, November 1st, 2023. (If competing as a team, all members of the team must submit their information on the registration form to participate.)

## HOW DO STUDENTS ENTER THEIR APP?

Visit [CongressionalAppChallenge.us](https://CongressionalAppChallenge.us) to register and get more details on how to submit an entry. (If competing as a team, all members of the team must submit their information on the registration form to participate.)

## NOTE:

Students may submit apps they created prior to the Challenge, as long as their apps meet the standards of eligibility, and were created within one year of the submission deadline (e.g. any time after November 1st, 2022).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Can my students really win the Congressional App Challenge?
  - Yes! Hundreds of students from across the country win the Congressional App Challenge every year. Students only compete against other students within their congressional district, and every participating Member of Congress names a winning team from their district.
- Do my students have enough time to develop an app before the November 1st deadline?
  - Absolutely! Apps are graded on creativity, concept, and design. Applications do not need to be technically sophisticated to be honored.
- What if my students aren't expert coders?
  - 40% of students who participate in the Congressional App Challenge are coding beginners, and many go on to win their district's App Challenge each year.
- Can students submit apps they've already created?
  - Yes! Any app coded after November 1st, 2022 is eligible for submissions, so projects from the previous school year or summer term may be eligible!
- Do students apps have to be political?
  - No! Students can code on any topic, using any coding language, for any platform. Many students choose to code apps on civic good, but there is no limit to what students can create.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Established by the United States House of Representatives in 2014, this competition encourages students to create and submit their own app for the opportunity to receive national recognition. Students may participate as individuals or in teams of up to four. Congressional App Challenge (CAC) winners may be eligible to have their app featured on a display in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC, and will be honored by their Member of Congress.