

2016 Congressional App Challenge

Rules for Student Participants

Student Eligibility

1. Members of Congress must have agreed to participate in order for their student constituents to be eligible to participate in this competition. If a Member does not opt-in, constituents in that district cannot participate.
2. The Competition is open only to students in high school or below.
3. The Competition is open only to students who reside in a participating district or who are attending high school in a participating district.
4. Student Participants may compete individually or in teams of up to 4 students.
 - a. If competing as a team, at least two members of the team must be eligible to participate in that district.
5. The Competition is subject to all applicable United States federal laws and regulations. Participation constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement to the Official Rules.
6. Any given student may only submit *one* app in *one* district.

When Do Students Enter?

1. Students may begin working on their apps as soon as they like. The "Competition Submission Period" will start at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Daylight Time ("EDT"), July 18, 2016.
2. The "Competition Submission Period" will be closed at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Standard Time ("EST") November 2, 2016.
3. Administrator's computer is the official timekeeping device for this Competition.

How Do Students Enter?

1. Complete the sign-up form at www.CongressionalAppChallenge.us.
 - a. The sign-up form will be made available at CongressionalAppChallenge.us by July 18, 2016.
2. IEF is currently working on finalizing the actual platform on which students submit their apps. We will send an update as soon this is finalized and a revised version of this toolkit.

Submission Requirements

1. Each Contestant will be required to provide the following as part of the Submission:

- a. A link to the Application Demonstration Video (no more than 4 minutes). Please note that your entry may be judged in its entirety based on this video. It is important to demonstrate the scope and quality of your application in this video. The participant should also describe how they created the app and what they learned. It can be no more than four minutes in length.
 - b. Note: Only one student needs to submit an app for their team. If the student is submitting their team's app, they should put "(Team Project)" after the title, and list their teammates' names at the end of the Description.
2. All submissions must be in English.
3. An individual may appear on only one entry, either alone or as part of a team.
4. Submissions must not be indecent, defamatory, in obvious bad taste, demonstrate a lack of respect for public morals or conduct or adversely affects the reputation of congressional districts.
5. Submissions must not:
 - a. Be illegal under applicable laws;
 - b. Depict hatred, defame, threaten a specific community in the society or incite violence;
 - c. Contain vulgar language or violence;
 - d. Contain pornography, obscenity or sexual activity; or
 - e. Violate the intellectual property, common law or privacy rights of other parties.
6. Submissions must:
 - a. Be original;
 - b. Have been created within one calendar year or the closing of the Submission Period, i.e. since November 2, 2015; and
 - c. Be solely owned by Contestant such that no other party has any rights or interest, whether known or unknown.
7. Contestants will own the intellectual property rights to their Submission, but will grant to Congress and Administrator a royalty free license to, without limitation:
 - a. Post the Submissions online;
 - b. Make the Winners available for the course of the Competition and 1 month after the conclusion of the competition Submission Period; and
 - c. Utilize the Submissions for noncommercial purposes for a period of 12 months after the conclusion of the Competition Submission Period.
8. After the Submission Period has ended, the Submission cannot be modified in any way before the completion of judging.