

Contest Guidelines

Student Eligibility

1. Members of Congress must opt-in for their district to participate in this competition. If a Member does not opt-in, constituents in their district will be ineligible to participate.
2. The Competition is open only to high school students who reside in a participating district or who are eligible to attend public high school in that district. Individuals submitting on behalf of teams must meet the eligibility requirements for individual contestants.
3. Participants must be at least 13 years old as of November 9th, 2015.
4. Participants may compete individually or in teams of up to 4 students. If students attend school outside of their home congressional district, they may compete in either their home district or their school district. If competing as a team, 2 members of the team must qualify in the the same district they are applying in.
5. The Competition is subject to all applicable United States federal laws and regulations. Participation constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules.
6. A student may only submit one application, either as an individual or as part of a team. They may only submit an app in one district.

When Can Students Enter the Challenge?

Students may begin working on their apps as soon as they like, but the "Competition Submission Period" will start at 12:00 PM (noon) Eastern Daylight Time ("EDT"), NOVEMBER 9TH, 2015 and be closed at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time ("EST") JANUARY 15TH, 2016.

Administrator's computer is the official time keeping device for this Competition.

How do Students Enter their App?

Register on Challenge.gov:

Students must register and submit their apps on Challenge.gov. Make sure to find the correct Challenge page specific to their Member of Congress and district. To verify eligibility, students must also fill out basic contact info on the link found on the Challenge page.

Submission Requirements

1. Online Requirements (on Challenge.gov):
 - a. Each Contestant will be required to provide the following as part of the Submission:
 - The source code of their application
 - A link to the Application Demonstration Video. 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. No more than three minutes in length.
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; or
 - d. Contain pornography, obscenity or sexual activity.
 - 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 of the closing of the Submission Period, i.e. since JANUARY 15th, 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 months 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.