CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

1. Register

Starting Wednesday, July 26th, 2017, you can register to participate at CongressionalAppChallenge.us

2. Think of an app you'd like to create

Do you want to create a game? Do you want to create an app to solve a problem?

3. Design your app

What will your app look like? What does it need to do?

4. Create your app

You can work on your own, or as part of a team of up to four students. You can find resources to help you on our website.

5. Submit!

You can submit your app anytime between July 26th and November 1st, 2017. Winners will be announced in December.

RULES:

Student Eligibility

1. Students are only eligible to compete in districts that have signed up for the Challenge.
2. Any student may only compete in one district.
3. Any student 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. Teams with five or more students will NOT be eligible.
   b. If competing as a team: at least two of the teammates must be eligible to compete within the district in which they are submitting their app.
6. There is no age minimum, but the CAC is intended for high school students. 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"), JULY 26, 2017 and closes at 12:00 PM (noon) ET, NOVEMBER 1, 2017.

How do Students Enter their App?

Visit the Congressional App Challenge website - CongressionalAppChallenge.us - to register and get more details on how to submit your 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 Nov. 1, 2016). Also, apps must demonstrate some knowledge of coding (e.g. students should code at least the first couple pages of their app, but the app itself does not need to completely done and published in the app store to qualify).

Submission Requirements

A complete submission will include the following components:

1. Registration Form
(found on www.CongressionalAppChallenge.us beginning July 26th)
2. App Information
   - Title of Your App.
   - The coding language used
   - Purpose: Explain your app's purpose in ONE sentence
   - Short Description: What is your app trying to accomplish and why? (If you win the Congressional App Challenge for your district, this is the description that will be used for your app, so make sure it's clear and concise.)
   - Tell us about a technical/coding difficulty you faced in programming your app, and explain your coding solution.
   - With what you've learned, what improvements would make to version 2.0 of your app?
3. Demonstration Video
   - Students must create a 1-3 minute video, showcasing what your app does and how it works.
   - The video must be uploaded onto a public site like Youtube or Vimeo, and set to public so the judges can watch them. Successful videos will:
     - Tell us your name(s) and the name of your app.
     - Clearly explain the purpose of your app. (You should be able to do this in one, clear sentence.)
     - Explain who your app is intended for.
     - Tell us what tools and coding languages you used to create your app.
     - Show us how your app is used.constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement to the Official Rules.
4. Exit Questionnaire
   An exit questionnaire will be e-mailed to all students after the submission period closes. Students must complete the exit questionnaire.

More Information

For more information visit: CongressionalAppChallenge.us

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Background Information

Established by the US House of Representatives in 2014, this 14-week competition allows students to create and submit their own app for the opportunity to receive nationwide recognition. Students may participate as individuals or in teams of up to four. Winners of the Congressional App Challenge (CAC) will have their apps featured on a display in the Capitol Building, and will be honored by their Member of Congress.