

# THE 2017 CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE IS CALLING...

## ...WILL YOU ANSWER IT?

**HERE IS HOW  
YOU CAN  
PARTICIPATE!**



### **1. Register**

Interested can register to participate at [CongressionalAppChallenge.us](http://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: [www.royce.house.gov](http://www.royce.house.gov)

### **5. Submit!**

You can submit your app anytime before 9:00 AM/PST on Wednesday November 1st, 2017. Winners will be announced in December.

**OPEN TO  
STUDENTS K-12  
LIVING IN  
CALIFORNIA'S  
39TH  
CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT**

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# 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 students may not participate after having graduated from 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 is open until 9:00 AM/PST on NOVEMBER 1, 2017.

## How do Students Enter their App?

Visit the Congressional App Challenge website - [CongressionalAppChallenge.us](http://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 be 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](http://www.CongressionalAppChallenge.us))

### 2. App Information

- Title of Your App.
- The category of your App. (It must fall under one of the following: Education, Entertainment, Games, Health & Fitness, News, Photo & Video, or Productivity.)
- 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.

### 4. Exit Questionnaire

An exit questionnaire will be e-mailed to all students after the submission period closes. Students must complete the exit questionnaire.

## Judging

A panel of independent judges will determine the winning team of the competition. Judging is based on factors including quality of the application's operations, implementation of the application's concept, and demonstrated excellence of coding and programming skills. This year, awards will be distributed to the top Apps in the following categories: **Education, Entertainment, Games, Health & Fitness, News, Photo & Video, Productivity**



Questions regarding the Congressional App Challenge can be directed to Stephanie Hu of Rep. Royce's staff at [Stephanie.Hu@mail.house.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Hu@mail.house.gov) or (626) 964-5123.