

House Student App Challenge FAQs

What is the *House Student App Challenge*?

Established by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2013, the *House Student App Challenge* is a nationwide event that invites high school students to compete by creating and exhibiting their software application, or “app,” for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice. The competition is designed to engage the creativity of students and encourage their participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education fields.

Who can participate?

High school students who live in or are eligible to attend public schools located in the 26th Congressional District can participate. To confirm your eligibility, please visit StudentAppChallenge.house.gov. Participants must be at least 13 years old as of February 1, 2014.

Can home-schooled students participate?

Yes. Any high school student who lives in the 26th Congressional District or is eligible to attend public high school in the district can compete.

Can students submit in teams?

Yes. The maximum team size is four students, two of whom must reside in or be eligible to attend public high school in the 26th Congressional District.

When can I register and how can I submit my entry?

Participating students must first confirm eligibility and register at StudentAppChallenge.house.gov. Beginning on February 1st, students can create an account on ChallengePost.com and submit an entry for the *House Student App Challenge*. All entries must be an original in concept, design and execution.

When will the contest occur?

Students can register from February 1, 2014 until April 30, 2014. Judging will take place in May and district winners will be posted on House.gov in June.

What must contestants submit for consideration?

Participating students must submit a demonstration video of their app with an entry form. The source code for the app must be available for inspection by the judges.

How will my app be judged?

Apps will be judged based on the following criteria:

- a) Quality of the idea, including creativity and originality;
- b) Implementation of the idea, including user experience and design; and
- c) Demonstrated excellence of coding and programming skills.

How will the winners be recognized?

Winners will be recognized in a congressional district awards ceremony held in the summer of 2014. The winner from NY-26 Congressional District will be featured on StudentAppChallenge.house.gov, and the winning app will also be on display in the U.S. Capitol to honor the winners from across the country.