

# CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE



## WHAT

The Congressional App Challenge (CAC) is a Congressional initiative to encourage kids to learn how to code, through district-wide app competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their students.

Offices are supported in their efforts by the Internet Education Foundation (IEF), the nonprofit appointed to serve as the competition's "non-governmental sponsor" by the Committee on House Administration.

## WHY

The computer science and high tech industries are the fastest growing, high-value professional fields in the United States. There are currently over half a million computer jobs in the U.S. that remain unfilled due to a shortage of qualified candidates.

There are too few students learning these skills to keep up with increasing demand and that gap is only set to expand. The CAC is an effort to address this shortage.

## THE MISSION

The CAC efforts are guided by the following goals:

1

**Inspire:** To inspire students from every corner of the country to explore STEM, coding and computer science through hands-on practice.

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**Include:** To actively include and engage students from communities that are traditionally underrepresented in the tech community.

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**Innovate:** To innovate policymaking by connecting Members of Congress to new and emerging technologies through personal interactions with their student constituents.

## RESOURCES

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