

# SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM

The Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program is a FREE seven-week introduction to computer science for girls going into 11th and 12th grade. You will:

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  - *Connect code to your passions* Whether it's medicine, fashion, or gaming, we'll teach you how to use code to pursue your passions.
  - See coding in action Meet female engineers and get an inside look at technical roles in the world's top companies.
  - *Join the sisterhood* Make lifelong friendships with a supportive and diverse community of thousands of girls.

# No experience required. Need-based scholarships available!

APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER 2016 www.girlswhocode.com/applynow APPLICATION CLOSES MARCH 1, 2016

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## What is Girls Who Code?

Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization dedicated to closing the gender gap in technology. Our programs educate, inspire, and equip girls to pursue opportunities in computing.

## When does the application open and when is it due?

You can apply online at *girlswhocode.com/applynow* beginning January 19, 2016. Application closes on March 1, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

## Where will programs be held?

We will be hosting Summer Immersion Programs in the following cities. Exact program dates and locations can be found on the application.

Atlanta, GA	Newark, NJ
Austin, TX	Palo Alto, CA
Boston, MA	Redwood City, CA
Chicago, IL	San Francisco, CA
Emeryville, CA	San Jose, CA
Los Angeles, CA	San Ramon, CA
Miami, FL	Santa Clara, CA
Mountain View, CA	Seattle, WA
New York, NY	Washington, DC

## How much does the program cost?

The program is FREE for all participants. We also offer scholarship packages for those who need it.

## Are there scholarships available?

Yes! In addition to providing a free program, we also offer need-based scholarships. Applicants who demonstrate financial need will be considered.

## Does Girls Who Code cover the costs of my transportation during the summer?

Applicants may apply for transportation stipends to cover the cost of travel to and from the program each day. Please note Girls Who Code will not be able to arrange or logistically plan your travel.

#### Will Girls Who Code provide housing for the duration of the program?

No. As this is a day program, students must commute to and from the program site each day.

## I am going to be out of town during the program. Should I still apply?

All program participants must be able to commit to attending the entire seven-week program. We hope you'll choose to spend your summer with us. It's worth it!

## Why should I learn computer science?

So many reasons!

- Acquire valuable hard skills Computer science is applicable to a wide range of fields, including art, finance, medicine, gaming, and more.
- Improve your soft skills You'll also learn important lessons about leadership, teamwork, creative problem solving, and logical thinking.
- *Make money* Computer science graduates are one of the highest-paid majors, particularly for women. Not a bad bonus!

## I don't have any coding experience. Should I still apply?

Yes, beginners are encouraged! All you need is a readiness to learn.

## What will I do during a typical week at Girls Who Code?

Each week, you'll do a project related to a different aspect of computer science, such as robotics, mobile app development, and website development. You'll also hear from guest speakers, go on field trips, and participate in hands-on workshops. The program culminates in a "final project," where you'll get to build your own product and share it with your class.

## Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must:

- + Be a current sophomore or junior in high school
- + Live in the U.S.A.
- + Commit to attending the full 7-week program in their respective location. The program runs Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- + Commute to and from the program every day. Housing and travel considerations for non-local students are not provided.

We value a diverse classroom and strongly encourage applications from:

- + Total beginners. No experience required!
- + Girls of all ethnic, racial, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. The program is free for all participants, with extra help in the form of scholarships for those who need it.

#### When will I hear back from Girls Who Code about my final decision?

We intend to notify all students of their application status in April. We will contact students via email with final decisions. Thank you for your patience!

