



2025 - 2026 Alabama Governor's App Challenge

The Governor's App Challenge is a statewide computer programming competition for Alabama students. The goal of the Challenge is to allow more students to gain recognition for their mastery and application of computer programming and design!

How do students enter their app?

Teachers will submit student projects (video and written responses) to the school for judging. Teachers will also register student app development teams by **January 19, 2026**.

Submission Requirements

A complete submission will include the following components:

- 1. Registration:** Teams must be registered at <https://bit.ly/26ALgovappchallenge>
- 2. Written Response:** The written response should be typed, double spaced, in a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial). The written response must be submitted in PDF format. The total response should not exceed 750 words.
- 3. Demonstration Video:** Students must create a 1-2 minute video, showcasing what the app does and how it works.

See rules for more details of the requirements at sites.google.com/view/algovernorsappchallenge/home

Judging

Each State School Board District will have a 3 or 4 person panel consisting of industry and/or education professionals from within the district that will be responsible for judging student apps. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade band at the state level judging round during the Computer Science Summit in **April 2026**.

Important Dates

January 19, 2026 - All teams must sign up at: <https://bit.ly/26ALgovappchallenge>

January 30, 2026 - Schools must submit grade band winners to the appropriate LEA.

February 13, 2026 - LEAs must submit grade band winners to the appropriate District Judging Board.

March 6, 2026 - School Board Districts must submit grade band winners complete portfolio.

April 2026 - Grade band winners must be prepared to present their app at the CS Summit. The winners will be announced during the closing session.

Visit the Governor's App Challenge Webpage at
sites.google.com/view/algovernorsappchallenge

For more information email: CS4Alabama@alsde.edu