girls who code

LEARN TO CODE AND CHANGE THE WORLD THIS SUMMER!

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. FREE TO APPLY, FREE TO ATTEND, AND STIPENDS FOR QUALIFYING STUDENTS!

APPLY TO GIRLS WHO CODE'S FREE VIRTUAL SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM

> **"You could feel the love and support in the room every single day, and the TAs and Instructors did an AMAZING job of creating a community [where] we felt safe to show up authentically as ourselves every day, and not be afraid to fail. It exceeded my expectations, and I'm so happy that I decided to apply! I've never experienced a program like this before."** *- Virtual SIP 2020 Alumna*

Make this summer unforgettable with our **FREE virtual 2-week summer program**, where you'll join a supportive sisterhood and learn the computer science skills you need to make an impact in your community! Girls and non-binary students in the 9th - 11th grade (rising sophomores, juniors and seniors) are eligible to apply.

CAREER

Meet inspiring female role models in the field and get an inside look at the tech world through guest speakers and virtual classrooms hosted by the world's top companies, like Twitter, AT&T, Bank of America, and Walmart.

ACTIVISM

Take a stand and make an impact on what matters to you by learning to code through 3 hands-on, real-world projects—all utilizing HTML, CSS and JavaScript.

SISTERHOOD

Learn in a supportive environment and make life-long, inspiring friendships with students from across the country.

APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER 2021 AT
GIRLSWHOCODE.COM/SIPAPPLY

EARLY ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE IS MID-FEBRUARY, 2021.
APPLICATION CLOSES MID-MARCH, 2021.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN IS THE SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM?

Our 2021 Virtual SIP offers virtual classrooms in United States Eastern, Central, and Pacific time zones. On your application, students select availability to attend classes starting at 9:00 - 9:30am in these time zones. Please be mindful that **you must be available to participate for time zones selected on your application**. Once offered a seat, we will be unable to change your classroom's designated time zone.

Girls Who Code will provide Virtual SIP program options, based on student availability and application volume during the following dates:

- **Round 1:** June 21 - July 2, 2021
- **Round 2:** July 12 - July 23, 2021
- **Round 3:** August 2 - August 13, 2021

Accepted students will receive their assigned program dates & time zone in their offer letter received via email.

WHEN DOES THE APPLICATION OPEN AND WHEN IS IT DUE?

The Summer Immersion Program is for girls and non-binary students. To apply, you must be a rising sophomore, junior or senior, and you must be able to commit to the entire 2-week program.

WHEN IS THE SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE?

You can apply online at www.girlswhocode.com/sipapply. Early acceptance applications are due **mid-February**, with the general application closing in **mid-March**.

HOW MUCH DOES THE SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM COST?

The Summer Immersion Program is **100% FREE** to attend. We also provide a need-based SIP Stipend for students who qualify.

WHAT IS A SIP STIPEND AWARD AND HOW CAN I APPLY?

The SIP Stipend Award offers financial support of up to $300 for qualified students. To be considered, the student will need to complete a short supplemental application after submitting their general application to Virtual SIP. Students will be prompted to complete the 10-15 minute task on the same platform where they complete their general application. To apply and remain eligible for this SIP Stipend, students must commit to the Attendance Policy for the duration of the Program. Please note that they must submit their SIP Stipend Application by the application deadline.

WHAT DOES THE SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

Eligible 9th - 11th grade students (rising sophomores, juniors or seniors) can apply online. The process takes 20-30 minutes, and includes one short-answer question. Students will also have the choice to apply for our SIP Stipend. Girls Who Code does not ask for GPA, transcript, or any recommendations.

WHEN ARE STUDENTS NOTIFIED ABOUT WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE PROGRAM?

Early acceptance applicants will be notified by **mid-March**. General acceptance applicants will be notified by **mid-April**. Students who do not receive an acceptance at this time may be added to our waitlist and will be notified as spots become available. Notifications are sent via email, so make sure to give us the correct email address on your application!

WHAT WILL I LEARN IN VIRTUAL SIP?

In Week 1, SIP students build two projects: (1) a personal portfolio website and, (2) a BuzzFeed-style personality quiz using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. In Week 2, students work on a final personal project focused on activism and web design. This will include planning guidance, design resources, and past SIP and student projects for inspiration.

In addition to developing their Computer Science skills, they'll learn about female role models in technology, past and present. They'll be encouraged to take positive risks as they collaborate with other students to strengthen their resilience, intellectual curiosity, emotional intelligence, and sense of empowerment.

WHAT WILL THE FORMAT AND DAILY SCHEDULE FOR SIP LOOK LIKE?

Every day of the Virtual SIP will look a little different, but we structure the time to maximize learning, sisterhood, and fun! Students will have the ability to video conference, collaborate with classmates, participate in web-based coding activities, and work on final projects. A sample daily schedule is provided below:

- 120 mins: Virtual Class Time
- 75-90 mins: Independent Work
- 5+ hours throughout program: Virtual Engagements & Events
- Project Showcases & Class Celebration

WHAT MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT WILL I NEED?

A computer or laptop with audio & video capabilities, headphones (suggested), and internet access are all that is needed to participate. We also provide need-based tech access for students who qualify!

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY?

The Attendance Policy for summer 2021 Virtual SIP allows for 1 excused student absence. Please note, Girls Who Code will ***automatically unenroll students who do not adhere to the Virtual SIP Attendance Policy and remove access*** to all program systems & resources. Due to the 10-day program span, we are unable to accommodate more than 1 absence without substantial impact to their learning experience.