

**Hello! Applications for Code Next are currently closed. Come back on November 1, when we open applications back up again for our winter programming.**

**In the meantime, feel free to read our application FAQs below.**

**Thank you!**

## **Code Next Application FAQs**

Hello! You've decided to apply for Code Next. We're excited that you're interested in our program! Here are a few things you might want to know before you apply. If you have any further questions, please reach out to [codenext@google.com](mailto:codenext@google.com).

### **The Basics**

#### ***What is Code Next?***

Code Next is a free, computer science education program that meets Black and Latinx students in their own communities and provides the skills and inspiration they need for long and rewarding careers in tech and computer science-related fields. See more at [g.co/codenext](https://g.co/codenext).

#### ***Is Code Next online or in-person program?***

Currently, Code Next is completely in-person. We have three labs—one in Oakland, California, and two in New York City (Chelsea and Harlem). We plan on opening more labs in the future across the country.

#### ***What if I live in a city where there isn't a Code Next lab?***

We plan on opening more labs in the future in different cities across the country. To get updates on when/where those labs will open, sign up for our Code Next newsletter at <https://codenext.withgoogle.com/#sign-up>.

#### ***How much does it cost to participate?***

Code Next is free for all participants.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

#### ***How does this work? Do I apply for individual programs?***

By choosing to apply through this application, you are applying **to be a member of the Code Next program**. You must be accepted through this application.

If you are accepted, you will have access to several courses and activities that we offer as a Code Next member. We organize them into two groups: “exposure-based” (basic introductions to computer science) and “immersion-based” (deeper, more practice-based coding). **As a member, you are eligible to enroll in any and all exposure-based programs, but will have to apply separately for our immersion-based programs.**

- Exposure-based programs (all open to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders):
  - **Clubs** are seasonal programs that focus on one of three critical skills in computer science, engineering, or leadership. Clubs happen for approximately three months each—during the fall, winter, and spring. Club topics in the past have ranged from game design to robotics to wearable tech.
  - **Workshops** are one-day experiences that include exposure to computational thinking, making, design, and the misconceptions around computer science and the tech industry
  - **College and Career Readiness** is a one-year college prep course (strongly recommended for 11th graders) that prepares students to apply for college.
- Immersion-based programs:
  - **Team Edge** (for 10th grade) is a one-year program, starting in the summer before 10th, that focuses on building critical skills in computer science & leadership, and includes 1:1 mentoring, computer science summer institute, college readiness & career exploration. In order to qualify for Team Edge, students must take a two-week “Foundations” program in the summer.
  - **Bootcamps** (for 11th + 12th graders) are intensive daylong workshops or workshop series in computer science, interview prep, emerging tech, and entrepreneurship to prepare students for a career in the tech industry.
  - **Launch** (for rising college freshmen) is a summer program on product development, entrepreneurship, and branding. By the end of the summer, students will have created and launched their own product or web app.

### ***Can any student apply? Who is eligible for what programming?***

Any student in 9th to 12th grade can apply. Because this a live, in-person program, you should live in the vicinity of the lab you apply to. We will accept applications from everyone, but strongly encourage Black and Latinx students to apply.

Use this application to apply for our Oakland, California and Chelsea, New York labs.

If you want to apply to the Harlem lab, please fill out the form at [g.co/codenext/harlem](https://g.co/codenext/harlem).

### ***Do students need prior coding experience?***

You can apply and become a member without coding experience, but for our immersion-based programs (specifically Bootcamps and Launch), experience with coding will be required to successfully complete the program.

## Application-Specific Questions

### ***Do I just fill out an application, and that's it?***

We have a two-step application process.



First, you apply online, known as “Phase One”. If you are selected for “Phase Two”, you will be emailed inviting you to partake in a live, in-person design challenge. *You must do the design challenge to continue your application to get into Code Next.*

Once you have completed a design challenge, we will email you letting you know whether you’ve been accepted into the Code Next program.

### ***What are the deadlines on submitting?***

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, but members will only be accepted three times throughout the year at the start of each seasonal term. Make sure to apply for the application closing date!

- For the Fall term (October - December), **applications open on August 21 and close on September 13**
- For the Winter term (January - March), **applications open on November 1 and close on December 1**
- For the Spring term (April - June) and to qualify for summer programming (July - August), **applications open on February 1 and close on March 1**

All required sections of the application must be completed and submitted to be considered for membership.

### ***I see you ask about grades and GPA. If my grades aren't the best, should I still apply?***

Absolutely, you should still apply. A low GPA and/or low grades will not necessarily keep you from getting accepted to the program, so please be truthful!

### ***What if I want to make changes to my online application?***

Your work on each page can be saved and viewed later if you need to come back to it. Once your application is submitted, if you would like for your application or responses to be deleted, you can submit a written request to [codenext@google.com](mailto:codenext@google.com).

***How long does it take to complete an application?***

Most applications will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.