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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.

We have two available programs, each with their own separate application:

1. **Code Next Live**, our program that takes place in live labs (*online temporarily because of COVID-19*) **for students that live in Oakland, California and New York City, New York.**
2. **Code Next Connect**, an online program **open to high school students living anywhere in the United States.**

For FAQs for **Code Next Live**, [click here](#).

For FAQs for **Code Next Connect**, [click here](#).

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CODE NEXT LIVE

The Basics

What is Code Next, and Code Next Live?

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.

“Live” means that it takes place in live labs. See more at g.co/codenext.

Is Code Next Live an online or in-person program?

Temporarily, due to COVID-19, Code Next is completely online. When we have deemed it safe to reopen, we will resume in person programming in our 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. Or, students can apply for Code Next Connect.

To get updates on when/where those physical labs will open, sign up for our Code Next newsletter at <https://codenext.withgoogle.com/#sign-up>.

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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 9th, 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 juniors, that prepares students to apply for college.
- Immersion-based programs:
 - **Team Edge** (for any grade level) is a one-year program that focuses on building critical skills in computer science & leadership, and includes 1:1 mentoring, computer science summer institute, college readiness & career exploration.
 - **Launch** (for rising 11th and 12th graders) 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 through 12th grade that is at least 13 years of age can apply. Because this is usually a live, in-person program (with the exception of during the COVID pandemic, when everything is hosted virtually), 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.

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Use [this application](#) to apply for our Oakland and Chelsea labs. If you want to apply to the Harlem lab, please fill out the form at 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, 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.

Phase 1: Submit an Online Application	Phase 2: Virtual Design Challenge	Acceptance Into Code Next Live!
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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, virtual 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 Winter term (January - March), **we will not be accepting new students for Winter 2021.**
- For the Spring term (April - June) and to qualify for summer programming (July - August), **applications are set to close on February 3rd, 2021.**
 - *Please note, Spring Term is only open to 9th - 11th grade applicants.*
 - *There will be an additional selection process for summer programming once being granted Code Next membership in the Spring.*

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

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What if I cannot attend the Virtual Design Challenge but would like to stay in the admissions process?

If you cannot attend the Virtual Design Challenge window, but would like to stay in the process, you can submit a request to defer your application to a later timeline. Remember, attending the Virtual Design Challenge is required for applicants.

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.

How long does it take to complete an application?

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

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CODE NEXT CONNECT

The Basics

What is Code Next Connect?

Code Next Connect is Code Next's 100% virtual option. This free program provides online computer science education programming for Black and Latinx students, providing the skills and inspiration they need for long and rewarding careers in tech and computer science-related fields. See more at g.co/codenext.

Is Code Next Connect an online or in-person program?

Code Next Connect is 100% online.

Who teaches in Code Next Connect?

Real Googlers! That's right--you get to meet real Googlers and learn from them.

How much does it cost to participate?

Code Next Connect is free for all participants.

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Do I need to provide my own computer or computer device?

Yes, you need to provide your own computer or device. However, we provide a few things to help you out. See the next question.

What do I receive if I get accepted?

A lot!

- A \$250 stipend
- A once-a-week club for five months (January to June) learning things like game design, coding, and working with hardware—all taught by real Googlers from across the country.
- Google and Code Next swag
- Your own Code Next email address
- The chance to get to know ~15 other students from across the country, also interested in technology and coding
- Mentorship and advising—developing relationships that will last into the future!
- Opportunity to present your work to the broader Google community at our Demo Days
- A feature on the Code Next Students page (on g.co/codenext)
- Early access to new Code Next curriculum launching in late 2021

How long are Clubs?

January 25 - March 29	Winter Clubs (9 weeks)
April 12 - June 14	Spring Clubs (9 weeks)

What are the Club topics?

Right now, we offer four clubs:

- Coding: Web development, app development, artificial intelligence, automation... basically the stuff that makes the internet.
- Graphic Arts: UX/Web design, 3D design, and other types of digital art.
- Game Design: Designing video games, working with game design products.
- Robotics and/or Hardware: Working with Raspberry Pis and other circuitry.

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At the moment, Code Next Connect has one experience available: **Clubs**, which are seasonal programs that focus on one of three critical skills in computer science, engineering, or leadership. Clubs topics in the past have ranged from game design to robotics to wearable tech.

Clubs happen for approximately three months each—during the fall, winter, and spring—and are open to 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. *However, we target mostly 9th and 10th graders.*

If you are accepted, you get access to one full year in the program, where you will take part in three different clubs during the fall, winter, and spring semesters. *(The 2020-2021 year is the exception, as applicants will only engage in winter and spring semesters.)* Following that, you will have access to all of Code Next's online resources, and be named an official Code Next alumnus.

How many Clubs are open each semester?

We offer approximately 3-4 clubs each semester, varying on topic. When you apply, you will select the relevant clubs that you are interested in and rank them according to topic.

Additionally, you will also put your time zone (Pacific, Mountain, Central, or Eastern). If selected, you will be placed in a club with students also from your time zone.

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[Use this application](#) to apply for Code Next Connect.

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Application-Specific Questions

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

The application is two parts.

1. First, you fill out an application.
2. Once you do that, you will receive a link to Google's Online Challenge. Google's Online Challenge is a fair, unbiased opportunity for you to engage in Google's developmental process. By participating in a timed online challenge, Google gains a better

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understanding of your knowledge while also providing you with insight into our developmental process.

Once you complete that, your application is complete! We will contact you if you get into the program.

What does Google's Online Challenge entail?

The Online Challenge contains a series of **logical reasoning** and **problem solving** questions in a multiple-choice format, with a **30-minute** time limit for completion that will help us gain a better understanding of your cognitive skills.

Look out for a mail from Google's Online Challenge Team in the week of 14th December with all important details regarding the challenge. Kindly check all folders for the mail from: googleonlinechallenge@google.com and reach out to the team at googleonlinechallenge-ticket@google.com in case you aren't able to find it by the day of the challenge.

When will I have to participate in the Online Challenge?

Google's Online Challenge will go live from **09:00am PT, 18th December (Pacific Time) to 9:00pm PT, 19th December 2020**. You can participate anytime within the period indicated.

How do I prepare for the Challenge?

You can review problem solving questions (similar in style to math word problems). You will have approximately 10 - 15 questions to be completed in 30 minutes.

Will I get Coding questions in my Challenge?

Google's Online Challenge hosts multiple kinds of challenge all throughout the year, For Code Next applicants, the challenge is multiple-choice questions to assess your Analytical Reasoning (Problem Solving) & General Cognitive Ability aimed to be completed in 30 minutes.

I still have questions regarding the Online Challenge. Who do I reach out to?

If you have any questions please refer to our [FAQs](#). If your questions are still unanswered, reach out to the team at googleonlinechallenge-ticket@google.com and a member of our team will be happy to help you out!

Is the Online Challenge Mandatory? What happens if I miss it?

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The Online Challenge is only one aspect of your Code Next application, however we strongly urge you to participate in the challenge so that we can review your skill level and place you with the most relevant team of students.

What are the deadlines on submitting?

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