

Greetings,

Engage girls in tech early, regardless of presumed interest. **Girls Who Code** leads with girls current interest and shows how tech is connected. Artists, Musicians, Doctors, Lawyers, Teachers all use tech in some way. Why not be the creators of that technology also? My name is Nakisa Glover and I am the Regional Partnership Coordinator at Girls Who Code the national non-profit working to close the gender gap in technology. I'm responsible for recruiting 10th and 11th grade girls for our Summer Immersion Program being held in Charlotte, helping organizations get our free clubs started across North Carolina and South Carolina, and getting girls excited about computer science and technology.

# Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program Application Extended to March 25th!

Our **FREE 7-week Summer Immersion Program** (<u>www.girlswhocode.com/sipapply</u>) teaches 10th–11th grade students (rising juniors or seniors) the computer science skills they need to make an impact in their community while preparing for a career in tech. Our program is about *access* especially for young ladies that may not have a traditional path to engage in tech. Please especially encourage participation from 10th and 11th girls who are from diverse backgrounds, receive free or reduced lunch, not sure what they want to be when they grow up, or may even have some academic challenges. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to support girls applying from your network.

In the Summer Immersion Program, girls will learn about:

• CAREERS — They'll meet inspiring female role models in the field and get an inside look at the tech world through guest speakers, workshops, fun field trips and more! Their summer

will be spent in classrooms hosted at the world's top companies, like Twitter, Amazon, AT&T, Warner Brothers, and Microsoft.

- **SKILLS AND IMPACT** They'll learn to code through hands on real-world projects in art and storytelling, robotics, video games, websites, apps, and more. By the end of the summer, they'll also create a final project that solves a real-world problem they care about -combining their new coding skills with their passions to change the world!
- **SISTERHOOD** As essential members of our Girls Who Code sisterhood, they'll learn in a supportive, all-female environment and make lifelong friendships that encourage them to be brave, take risks, and stand up for what matters to them!

No prior experience in computer science is necessary to apply. In addition to providing a free program, Girls Who Code provides students with free lunch every day. Summer stipends to cover transportation and living costs between \$300 and \$1400 are also available for students who qualify.

### Students can apply here.

### The application deadline extended to March 25th

Here is a video that reviews how to fill out the application. Here's a video about how to complete the stipend portion of the application.

We will have 2 classes in Charlotte, and even more across the US.

NO BARRIERS, NO EXCUSES! No matter what she wants to be when she grows up, this is an excellent program for the summer.

# *Next Steps:* Share this with ALL 10th and 11th GIRLS (go beyond and reach out to ALL girls, regardless of their interest in tech.)

Check out the full deadline announcement from Girls Who Code here.

## Learn more about Clubs......

Did you know? Computing skills are the most sought-after in the US job market, with demand growing 3X the national average.

**Clubs** www.girlswhocode.com are free after-school programs for 3rd-12th grade girls to join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models and use computer science to change the world. We strongly believe that girls need much more than code to succeed. Our interactive curricula introduces computer science concepts while incorporating fun and engaging activities that encourage girls to be brave and resilient -- qualities that will help them gain the confidence and persistence they need to pursue a career in coding. We believe this is incredibly important as we drive the movement for gender equity. We would love to spread the word to your community so they can take advantage of our no-cost curriculum and resources -- including our free t-shirts, free books, and Clubs Fund grant of \$300 each Club could get access to! Sign-up to learn more about bringing a club to your area https://goo.gl/forms/afqvSdBOQPaI3nl52 or Email nakisa.glover@girlswhocode.com

### Next Steps: Get a club started or share with an organization that should know about this.

Did you know? Today only 25% of tech jobs are occupied by women. If we don't change the trajectory women will only occupy 3% of the jobs.





If you would like to connect after reviewing the information provided, please use my calendar to find a time to chat that works for you. Here is my calendar. https://calendly.com/nakisa-glover.

Best,

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