

2024 AiC Impact Award Application Guide

Prior to completing this application, you must be an [Aspirations in Computing Community Member](#) OR [TECHNOLOchica](#).

Selection Criteria:

Award decisions are based on an individual's contribution to initiative(s) and program(s) that:

- **connects communities** of technical girls, women, genderqueer, and non-binary people of all ages
- **creates opportunities** to participate in computing for marginalized populations, including girls, non-binary, or students of BIPOC heritage
- exhibits strong **near-peer mentorship** or peer-led leadership models
- promotes and **expands computing career pathways** and opportunities in the local community
- continues to **grow interest in computing** in the local community in a sustainable manner

Note: All applications will be evaluated separately based on the individual applicant's contributions, and we may not select all individuals who are working on the same initiative.

Application Format:

The AiC Impact Award application consists of sections for you to share specific details surrounding your various activities and several brief essay questions allowing you to describe your initiatives in a compelling way. Please be sure to specify your **individual contributions** to these initiatives throughout the application. Below is a breakdown of the application questions that will be asked.

Basic Information

This section of the application asks you to provide us with your mailing address, pronouns, race/ethnicity identity, recent headshot, and any social media handles (optional). If selected, we will use this mailing address to send the award check and certificate. We may potentially include your social media handles in our publications, and your recent headshot and pronouns may be used to highlight your work on [aspirations.org](https://www.aspirations.org).

You will also be asked about your eligibility status as an AiC Community member or TECHNOLOchica. If you have not registered to join the AiC Community, please do so now <https://www.aspirations.org/get-involved/join-the-aic-community>.

The last question in this section will be, “Have you been awarded the AiC Impact Award before, and in what years?”

Essay Questions:

Below are the prompts for the essay questions to help you prepare for your responses:

1. Describe, in detail, your community impact initiative. (500 word limit)

Provide information about your type of effort: Event/Learning Experience (Camp, Workshop, Afterschool Program, Hackathon), Founder Non-Profit Organization, or Computing Affinity Group (ACM-W, SWE, AWC, WiCS, etc.). Include details about your role and the activities involved. Highlight any unique aspects about the targeted audience of your impact initiative.

2. Connecting Communities, creating computing opportunities, and Peer & Near Peer Mentoring.

- a. Please describe how you build community through your initiative. (150 word limit)
- b. Please describe how you create opportunities for marginalized populations in your initiative. (150 word limit)
- c. Please explain tactics you have used to mentor others (peer or near-peer mentorship, youth, campus peers, etc.) in your initiative. (150 word limit)
- d. Please outline any ways you have highlighted opportunities in the field of computer science. (150 word limit)

Initiative Contributions

1. How did the idea for the initiative come about? (choose one)

- I developed the idea on my own
- I developed the idea with another person or persons
- Another person or persons developed the idea

2. How much of the overall work was your contribution? (choose one)

- This was all my work
- I completed the majority of the work
- I contributed an equal amount of work as my teammates
- I only contributed a small portion of the work

3. How significant was your contribution to the initiative outcomes? (choose one)

- Extremely significant
- Greatly significant

- Moderately significant
- Minimally significant

4. Considering the portion of the initiative that you worked on, how much supervision and direction were you given? (choose one)

- No supervision nor direction, I was free to work on it as I saw fit
- Minimal supervision and direction, I could work on it as I saw fit with approval
- Moderate amount of supervision and direction, I was mostly given specific tasks
- A great deal of supervision and direction, I was entirely given specific tasks

5. Referencing your answers above, please describe your individual contribution to this initiative. (short answer)

6. Please list the names of those who contributed to the initiative, their role in the initiative, and if they are AiC Community members also. (short answer)

Events/Learning Experiences:

If you identify that you've implemented events/learning experiences in your community, you can utilize the table below to provide general information about the events.

	Event Type	# of Participants	Total Event Hours	Name & Brief Description of Event	Describe Your Specific Role & Work for Event
Event 1	---				
Event 2	---				
Event 3	---				

Initiative(s) Details

This section of the application asks you to identify the types of activities and initiatives you have implemented to build and support the local community and increase education in computing. Below are the prompts/questions for the various activity types.

What type(s) of activities are you reporting on?

- Event/Learning Experience (Camp, Workshop, Afterschool Program, Hackathon)
- Founder Non-Profit Organization
- Computing Affinity Group (ACM-W, SWE, AWC, WiCS, etc.)

Participant Ages

Please select all of the age levels you serve with your initiative(s)

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12
- Undergraduate Students
- Graduate Students
- Workforce
- Other, please specify

Participant Gender(s)

Please select all of the gender(s) you serve with your initiative(s)

- Women
- Men
- Genderqueer
- Non-Binary
- Open to All
- Prefer to Describe

Tell us about the primary participants your initiative(s) served.

Please select all of the following audiences you reach with your initiative(s)

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanics of any race
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Two or more races
- High Poverty
- Persons with Disabilities
- Rural Communities
- Department of Defense Families (Enlisted or Civilian)
- Other, please specify

Additional Materials (Optional)

In this section of the application, you will have the opportunity to supply URLs that accompany any of your initiatives as well as any documents such as event flyers, promotional materials, etc., that you would like to share with the reviewers and selection committee.

Note: We are not accepting attachments for this task - if you have any documents, flyers, etc., you would like to share, please add them to a shareable Google Drive link and add that URL.

Application Affirmation

In this section of the application, you will be asked to review and agree to the following statements, and if you are under 18, your parent/guardian will need to affirm these terms on your behalf:

I do hereby affirm under penalty of complete forfeiture of any and all winnings the following:

1. I am a member of the Aspirations in Computing Community.
2. I certify that I have reviewed the video recording guidelines and understand that my responses may be shared on NCWIT websites and social media platforms.
3. I have read, understand and agree to the rules for participation as set forth at this page: <https://www.aspirations.org/aspireit/impact-award>
4. I have read and agree to NCWIT's [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).
5. I have read and agree to the [Consent and Release Form for Applicants](#).
6. All of the facts stated by me herein are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and understanding. Should I become aware of any change to or inaccuracy in any of the information I provided, without delay, I will inform the program administrator via email at aichelp@ncwit.org.
7. I meet all of the criteria and eligibility as specified at this page: <https://www.aspirations.org/aspireit/impact-award> .
8. This agreement is effective as of the date of submission.

As a reminder, Applications are due on June 3, 2024 by 11:59pm PST.