

Teacher Ambassador Program FAQs

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

What is the AFE Teacher Ambassador program?

The Amazon Future Engineer Teacher Ambassador Program exists as a paid fellowship experience designed to increase access to computer science and technology for all students and teachers. Approximately 100 educators from across the United States representing a diverse range of grades, regions, and communities will be selected for a two-year long commitment.

What is the time commitment of the Ambassador fellowship?

Ambassadors should expect to dedicate an average of five (5) hours per month to their work in the fellowship. Some months may be less and some months may be more.

What will Ambassadors do?

Through monthly sessions and independent work, Ambassadors will:

- Join and foster a network of CS and technology educators nationally
- Through an empathy process, deeply understand the challenges teachers grapple with when trying to use AFE products and increase access to CS for all students
- Implement AFE-endorsed products, tools, and resources in order to define and test common challenges such as differentiating for specific student groups
- Build communication skills through public speaking engagements, writing for social media, or publishing a blog

What will Ambassadors get?

As an AFE Teacher Ambassador, you will get:

- A stipend of \$5,000 (\$2,500 paid in June of each year)
- Cohort experience with in-person and online networking opportunities
- Curated professional development with focus on design for equity for CS access
- Travel to annual convenings and access to CS & Tech conferences
- Exclusive access to Amazon employees and education products
- Industry certification opportunities
- Opportunity to develop communication and presentation skills

Do I have to live in the United States?

Yes; currently the Ambassador program is limited to educators who reside in the United States.

What is the timeline of the Ambassador program?

The Ambassador program is a two-year fellowship and will begin in May 2024 with a virtual kickoff. Sessions will occur virtually monthly, often in small groups.

When will the Ambassadors convene in-person?

Ambassadors convene at least once annually. Ambassadors will convene the week of July 15-19, 2024 at the CSTA conference in Las Vegas. Attendance is mandatory.

ABOUT THE APPLICATION

What are the requirements to apply?

In order to be selected, teacher should meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrate a commitment to increasing equitable access to Computer Science (CS) for students and educators
- A minimum of two (2) year's experience teaching CS in K-12 (as a core subject, an elective, or integrated into curriculum)
- A commitment to teaching or working in a school / school district during school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026
- Teach or work in a school that is public or public charter, with a preference for: Title 1 and/or > 40% Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) student enrollment OR > 30% Black/Latinx/Native American (BLNA) student enrollment OR federally verified rural
- Have experience with [Amazon Future Engineer products](#) or [sponsored-curriculum](#) such as Class Chats, Career Tours, Alexa Skills Inventor, BootUp, Code.org, or Project STEM

What is the application process?

Interested educators submit an online application by March 25, 2024 at 11:59 pm PST. The estimated time to complete the application is 3 hours and requires: (1) a multi-step activity; (2) answers to two short response questions, and; (3) some basic information about you and your school.

Please review the application questions in detail below and note that the multi-step activity requires some pre-planning! The application site will save your application so you can return to it later.

For the multi-step activity:

- Do I have to do the Career Tour with students?

No, it is not required that you do the Career Tour with students - but it is strongly recommended. Note that the written responses about Career Tours should be about the product / resource generally, not necessarily the specific Tour you chose, and we hope to hear your reaction to aspects like the length of the Tour, the hosts, the visuals/animations, etc.

- Can you explain more about the 90-second video?

Imagine the video is going onto social media. We are looking for your ability to connect with other educators and build interest and excitement in Computer Science. We are not looking at production value! Videos will be uploaded to the application directly. You may choose to speak / be seen or use slides and graphics; we welcome your creativity and personality!

Who should I contact with questions? Please email the program liaison at Megan@CoactionCollective.com

Application Preview

You can access the online application [here](#).

About You

- Name
- Email Address
- Location
- Gender Identity
- Race/Ethnicity

Your School

- School Name
- District Name
- Grade
- Subject
- Number of Years Teaching
- Commitment to be in school/district through SY25-26
- School type and demographics
- Experience with Amazon Future Engineer programs and partners

Short Response: *Please respond to the following statements in 500 words or less.*

- Tell us about yourself and your teaching journey. What brought you to computer science and technology? What are your professional goals and aspirations related to CS/STEM in your classroom, school, or district?
- Amazon Future Engineer is dedicated to ensuring all young people have the ability to pursue their potential. Why is access to computer science (CS) for all students important? How have you prepared your students for careers of the future through computer science (CS), STEM, and/or using Amazon Future Engineer products or sponsored curriculums?

Multi-Step Activity (time estimate < 2 hours)

Step 1: (10 minutes) Choose a [Career Tour from AmazonFutureEngineer.com](#).

Step 2: (30 to 60 minutes) Take your chosen Career Tour - ideally with a group of students!

Step 3: (15 minutes) Respond to the following prompts in a written response of no more than 500 words.

1. Generally, what do you (and your students) like about Career Tours as a resource? What is missing or would you change?
2. What topics do you recommend for future Career Tours and why?

Step 4: (15 minutes) Create a short video promoting the Career Tour to other educators. The video should be less than 90 seconds.