# Teacher Ambassador Program

*Frequently Asked Questions*

- **What is the AFE Teacher Ambassador Program?** *The Amazon Future Engineer Teacher Ambassador Program exists as a paid professional development experience designed to increase access to computer science and technology for all students and teachers. Approximately 50 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 program?** *Ambassadors should expect to dedicate an average of five (5) hours per month to their work as an Ambassador. The inaugural cohort will kick-off in summer 2023 and conclude in summer 2025. A second cohort will be chosen to begin in summer 2024, concluding in summer 2026.*

- **What will Ambassadors do?** *Through monthly sessions and independent work, Ambassadors will:*
    - *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*
    - *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*

- **What will Ambassadors get?** *As an AFE Teacher Ambassador you will get:*
    - *A stipend of $5,000 ($2,500 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*

- **What is the application process?** *Interested educators submit an [online application](#) by April 16th at 11:59 pm EST. This application requires: (1) a 3-5 minute video response; (2) answers to two short response questions, and; (3) some basic information about you and your school. Preview the application below.*

- **What are the requirements to apply?** *In order to be selected, teacher should meet the following requirements:*
  - *A minimum of two (2) years teaching experience in K-12, any subject, and currently teaching/working in a school*
  - *A commitment to teaching or working in a school / school district during school year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025*
  - *Demonstrate a commitment to increasing equitable access to Computer Science (CS) for students and educators*
  - *Have experience with Computer Science (CS), STEM, or [Amazon Future Engineer products](#) or [sponsored-curriculum](#) such as Class Chats, Tech Tours / Career Tours, Hour of AI, BootUp, Code.org, Project STEM*
  - <u>*Not required but preferred:*</u> *Teach or work in a school that is: Title 1 and/or > 40% Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) student enrollment OR > 30% Black/Latinx/Native American (BLNA) student enrollment OR federally verified rural*

- **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 commitment and will begin in June 2023 with a virtual kickoff. Sessions will occur virtually monthly, often in small groups. Over the two-year program, Ambassadors will convene in-person at least twice.*

- **When will the Ambassadors convene in-person?** *Exact dates are TBD based on selected applicants availability. The first annual in-person convening is slated for the week of July 24, 2023. Amazon will cover travel, lodging and most meals.*

- **Who should I contact with questions?** *Please email Diana@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 Year Teaching
- Commitment to be in school/district through SY24-25
- School Title I, Black/Latinx/Native American (BLNA) student enrollment, and/or federally verified rural

**Short Response:** *Please respond to the following statements in 250 words or less.*
- 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?
- Why is access to computer science (CS) for all students important? How can educators and schools take more steps to ensure equitable access to CS?

**Video Response:** Choose one of the following prompts to answer in a short (3 to 5 minute) video as if you were talking to a fellow educator or colleague. You will be asked to provide a URL to that video in the application.
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1. If you had the opportunity to design a product or program for your students related to CS, STEM, or robotics, what would it be? How would this product or program make CS/STEM future careers more accessible for all students in your community?

2. Tell a story about a time that CS or STEM impacted a student in your classroom. How might this story relate to the broader CS / STEM community?

3. If you had 5 minutes with the superintendent of your school district to make a CS/STEM-related ask, what would it be and why?

*Please present your authentic self and address one of the prompts. Application evaluators will use the video to get to know you; we will not evaluate the production value of the video you submitted.*

You will upload your video to YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive, or another online video hosting service and share the URL to the video. The video may be unlisted, but **anyone with the link must be able to view it.**