



CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

DEMO DAY

Members of Congress with over 10 submissions are encouraged to organize a Demo Day—an exciting science-fair style symposium where students from across the District come together to showcase their submissions to peers, educators, and STEM advocates. Similar in spirit to Constituent Commemoration events, Demo Day celebrates the achievements of App Challenge winners while championing STEM education. This inclusive event gathers all Challenge participants within the district and may include dynamic keynote speakers or engaging panel discussions from the science and technology fields. Demo Days are adaptable, with options for both virtual and in-person formats.

IN-PERSON BEST PRACTICES

- Promote to students and educators to check out the 2024 submissions.
- Schedule for maximum student attendance.
- If judging submissions, require attendance or offer alternatives.
- Include guest speakers and a Q&A with the Member.
- Encourage peer interaction with collaborative activities.
- Provide clear criteria and preparation guidelines for student demonstrations.

VIRTUAL BEST PRACTICES

- Schedule for maximum student attendance and record sessions for those who cannot attend live.
- Include virtual guest speakers and live Q&A sessions with interactive tools like chat and polls.
- Facilitate breakout rooms for peer interaction and collaboration
- Provide clear guidelines and criteria for virtual demonstrations and offer reliable technical support before and during the event.

***Important Disclaimer:** This is a reference for informational purposes only. This is created to display examples of what other MOCs have done. It is not meant as an event or 'how-to' template. Check in with House Administration Committee for specific guidelines on App Challenge events.