TECHGirls

Frequently Asked Questions for Parents
US TechGirls

1. **What is the application and selection timeline?** Application opens on November 15, 2019 and closes January 15, 2020. February 20 to March 20, Legacy finalizes initial screening process and will interview those selected as semifinalists via phone, skype or zoom. Early April we will notify those selected as finalists.

2. **What skills/classes will my student gain/take?** All participants take university level coding and cybersecurity classes taught by professors at Virginia Tech. They also gain cross-cultural and leadership skills in Legacy programming and activities. They interact and build friendships with other girls from 11 countries across the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia.

3. **What is the housing provided at Virginia Tech?** Participants share a dormitory room at Virginia Tech with one other roommate. The TechGirls program occupies one-two floors and our staff team lives on the same floor as students. Special key cards get access to the floors and rooms.

4. **What is the supervision like?** TechGirls will be supervised 24 hours a day. An environment will be created to address problems and concerns swiftly. Staff will assist youths with cultural adjustments, mentor and counsel as needed. Staff are First Aid and CPR certified and will assist with any health care needs.

5. **What does the scholarship cover?** During the program, Legacy will cover the following costs for participants:
   - Dorm accommodations and housing throughout the program
   - Coding and Cyber security courses at Virginia Tech University
   - Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners
   - Ground transportation to group events and program locations
   - Cultural events organized by Legacy

- Instruction and staff supervision
- You should bring your own funds for souvenir shopping and other personal expenses.

6. **What is TechGirls schedule?** A typical day involves a half day of coding class and a half day of cyber security class. Classes run from 9am-12:30pm with a lunch break from 12:30-2:15pm. Class continues at 2:15pm-5pm. Dinner is between 5-7pm. The evening activities during the week include: recreation, cultural sharing, exploring Tech campus and other events for community building among the cohort.

7. **What is the best way to communicate during the program?** Text and calling your child is the best way to communicate- however be mindful that their classes are between 9am-12:30pm and 2:15pm-5pm each day with programming also scheduled in the evenings. They will not respond to texts at that time.

8. **Logistics for travelling to Virginia Tech.** Each student is responsible for getting herself to Virginia Tech between 2:00- 4:00 pm on arrival day (July 12th, 2020) and for arranging plans between Virginia Tech and back home on departure day (July 23, 2020). For those driving to campus, you will be sent the specific dorm address closer to arrival day. For those needing to fly, the closest airport is Roanoke Virginia. Legacy staff will meet you at the airport and arrange transportation to and from Virginia Tech campus in conjunction with your flight.

9. **What do I need to submit/sign on behalf of my student?** After being notified of acceptance there will be a couple of forms to sign.
    a. Policies Form
    b. Media Release Form
    c. Health Form