# U.S. Rep. Steil: Steil announces 2022 Congressional App Challenge open for students

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*JANESVILLE, WI – Today, Congressman Bryan Steil (WI-01) announced registration for the 2022 Congressional App Challenge is now open to middle and high school student residing in Wisconsin's First Congressional District.*

*"I am excited to announce the 2022 Congressional App Challenge is now open for students. Last year, two students from Greendale, Charlie Smitsdorff and Tyler Balota of Greendale High School, won the App Challenge for their app, Robauto. This competition is a great way for students to be creative and learn how to create innovative technologies. I look forward to seeing each of the submissions for this year's challenge."*

**Background**:

The Congressional App Challenge is a competition aimed at encouraging middle and high school students to learn how to code by creating their own applications. Started in 2013, the Challenge is intended to highlight the value of computer science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. The House of Representatives knows how crucial these skills are and wants to encourage students to engage in these fields. By encouraging and recognizing our nation's young programming talent, Congress hopes to shine a light on the growing importance of these skills. This competition is open to students who meet the eligibility requirements, regardless of coding experience.

Congressional App Challenge **applications can be submitted now through 11:00 am CT, November 1, 2022**.  Should students not have enough time to

create a new app before the November 1 deadline, a previously created app made after November 1, 2021, may also be submitted.  However, the app must have been made between November 2, 2021, and November 1, 2022, in order to be eligible for consideration.

Apps will be scored by a panel of judges based on the quality of the app idea, implementation of the idea and demonstration of understanding of computer programming skills. The winning apps will be honored by Steil and are eligible to be displayed at the U.S. Capitol building and on the Congressional App Challenge website.

To register, students may visit www.congressionalappchallenge.us and visit the "Student's" Section.