

Infy Maker Awards 2022 FAQs

What are the Infy Maker Awards?

The goal of [Infy Maker Awards](#) is to broaden access to maker education with a focus on reaching underserved and underrepresented students. Since Infy Makers launched in 2015, the Infosys Foundation USA has been able to broaden access to maker-centered learning in more than 100 communities, providing more than \$1 million in funding and professional development support. Last year's [10 winning organizations](#) were from 10 different states and included schools, non-profit organizations, museums and makerspaces.

This year's Infy Maker Awards focuses on supporting teachers that are engaging students in computer science through maker education. Infosys Foundation USA will focus on prioritizing K-12 teachers working at Title I schools, working in rural communities and serving students who are neurodiverse or students with disabilities.

Who is eligible to apply for an Infy Maker Award?

Individuals that are eligible to apply are K-12 teachers. A teacher's school or school district will be granted the Award. An organization should be registered as a 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(1).

When are applications being accepted for Infy Maker Awards 2022?

Organizations can submit their applications online from March 15, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. PT until April 26th at 5:00 p.m. PT.

What do you need to do in order to apply for an Infy Maker Award?

To apply online, visit www.infymakers.com. The process is easy and consists of a few short questions about your project (a project description and a budget outlining what you will spend the grant on), a 90 second video and one letter of support from your school or school district leader. The Infy Maker Awards application is on the Submittable platform, where you can work on a draft of your application and save it before submitting it.

What does a winning school receive?

Each winning school will receive a \$10,000 award and up to three individuals from a winning school will be able to participate in the Making CS Inclusive multi-month professional learning experience facilitated by Digital Promise. The \$10,000 award is flexible funding which can be used in a variety of ways, including to develop maker-oriented projects for students, conduct impact & assessment research and engage the broader community through new collaborations or partnerships.

Where can I find the complete contest rules?

The contest rules can be accessed at www.infymakers.com. All entrants should review the contest rules thoroughly before submitting their applications.

What if I still have a question about Infy Maker Awards after reviewing the contest information online?

Please send an email to foundation.usa@infosys.com and someone from the Foundation team will follow up promptly.

What is the judging criteria?

Each application can receive a total of 25 points. The judging criteria that you will use to review and score applications are:

Need (9 points)

- Is the K-12 teacher working at a:
- Title I school (3 points)
- Working in a rural community (3 points)
- Serving students who are neurodiverse or students with disabilities (3 points)

Strength of the proposed plan and budget to use the award (5 points)

- Does the project description, budget and video together indicate a well thought out idea that is strongly needed, ambitious and feasible?

Educator's perspective (5 points)

- Does the K-12 teacher share a clear and strong perspective around what motivates them?

Innovation (5 points)

- Does the proposed plan (the project description, budget and video combined) demonstrate creativity and resourcefulness?

Support Letter (1 point)

- Does the letter come from either a school leader (principal or vice principal) or school district leader (superintendent) and demonstrates his/her/their commitment to engaging students in maker education as a pathway to computer science and his/her/their support of the Entrant's proposed project and participation in the professional learning experience if chosen as an Infy Maker Award winner?

When are the winners for Infy Maker Awards 2022 announced?

Winners will be publicly announced online no later than August 31, 2022.