



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 interview semifinalists. April notifications get sent out.
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
 - You should bring your own funds for souvenir shopping and other personal expenses.
- 6. What is TechGirls schedule? Can I join any of your activities?** For the Legacy staff team, we have a number of goals and logistics to consider within that first 24-48 hour period. We are very intentionally training the girls from the first moment we see them so they can quickly bond with staff, learn how to listen to instructions/announcements, be on time, and understand who to go to if they have questions or needs. We are herding a total of 62 girls when the groups combine and tracking everyone's movements so no one gets left behind, and no one exhibiting challenges goes unnoticed. Unfortunately we can not include you in any additional tours or activities because we are limited in time.
- 7. What is the best way to communicate during the program?** Text and calling your student 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.
- 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?**
- a. Media Release Form
 - b. Health Form