

## Teen Innovation Program Ambassador Application Information

Ambassadors in the Teen Innovation Program have the opportunity to spend six weeks during the summer creating original programs and exhibits that teach others about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). We provide an opportunity for teens to explore different areas of STEM, design and deliver public programs, work as part of a team, and develop communication and critical thinking skills.

You do not need to be a straight-A student in science or already involved in science afterschool activities to apply. Each year, we look for teens with a variety of skills and backgrounds. Anyone with an interest in science and a willingness to learn new things is welcome to apply!

## Locations

Danbury:  
Danbury Public Library/Hackerspace  
170 Main Street  
Danbury, CT 06810

Hartford:  
Connecticut Science Center  
250 Columbus Boulevard  
Hartford, CT 06103

## 2017 Program Timeline

Danbury:  
Orientation (mandatory)  
June 24  
10AM-4PM

Hartford:  
Orientation (mandatory)  
June 3  
10AM-4PM

Summer Program  
July 5-August 11  
10AM-4PM

Summer Program  
June 19-July 28 (no program July 3-4)  
9AM-3PM

**Application Deadline:** Monday April 17, 2017

**Interviews will be conducted:** April 29-30, May 6-7 (Hartford); April 26, May 2, 3, and 5 (Danbury)

**Accepted applicants will be notified by:** Friday May 12, 2017

## QUESTIONS

Call: (860) 520-2166

Email: [teens@CTScienceCenter.org](mailto:teens@CTScienceCenter.org)

## Program FAQs

## Who can apply to this program?

You must be entering at least the 10th grade in the fall and be able to get to the Connecticut Science Center (Hartford program) or Danbury Library (Danbury program) five days a week for six weeks.

## What is the interview process like?

After teen program staff review the applications we will schedule interviews during the weekends of April 29-30 and May 6-7 in Hartford and April 26, May 2, 3, and 5 in Danbury(exact dates and times TBD). Interviews will begin with a group interview followed by individual conversations between applicants and the teen program staff. The process should take about an hour to an hour and a half.

## What do Teen Innovation Ambassadors do?

Teen Innovation is about exploring science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), building professional skills, and becoming a better creative and critical thinker. Ambassadors work in teams to create programs and exhibits that help the Science Center and the Danbury Library engage our visitors in science. The six weeks of the summer typically begin with team-building and overviews of essential science concepts. Once Ambassadors are assigned to their project teams they spend the remainder of the program creating their project plans, building prototypes, testing concepts, and refining their projects.

**Is this a paid position?**

Yes, Teen Innovation Program Ambassadors are paid for their summer work.

### What does the program offer outside of the summer?

During the year, we offer free workshops, opportunities to assist in Science Center programs, field trips, and social events (including our annual Wintertime Bash for all program participants and alumni).

We are working to build the opportunities we offer to program participants once the summer is over. Starting in fall 2017, the Connecticut Science Center will have regular Saturday programs for teens. The Danbury Library also has regular, free programs for all ages.

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**You can submit your application online using the following link:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/nwSz6XOZ5uFWqgAD2>

\*Please note that you will not be able to save your work online, so we recommend typing out your answers to the questions below in advance.

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

School:

Current Grade:

Application for:

☐ Danbury program

- Hartford program

Please select one:

☐ I have never been in the Teen Innovation Program before

☐ I am applying for an additional year in the program

- 1) How did you find out about the Teen Innovation Program?
- 2) If this is your first time applying to the program, why do you think the Teen Innovation Program sounds interesting? If you are a returning applicant, what do you hope to accomplish with an additional year in the program?
- 3) Think about a class or a project at school that really frustrated you. What made it so frustrating? What would have made it better?
- 4) Your application requires a recommendation from a teacher, coach, supervisor, or other adult mentor (not a relative) who knows you well. Please provide a name, e-mail address, and phone number and we will send the recommendation form directly to your recommender.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**



## Recommendation Form

*\* The Science Center will send the following recommendation form directly to the recommender you name in your online application.*

Name of applicant:

Name of Recommender:

E-mail:

Phone number:

Occupation:

Relationship to applicant:

How long have you known the applicant?

What skills, interests, and talents would the applicant bring to the Teen Innovation Program?

Describe the applicant's role in a classroom/group work/social setting.

Tell us about an area where the applicant could improve.

Completed form should be emailed to [teens@CTScienceCenter.org](mailto:teens@CTScienceCenter.org)