

Empowering Tomorrow's Tech Leaders Today

Are you a high school student passionate about technology and eager to learn more about the industry? The Minnesota Aspirations in Computing (MnAiC) program is your chance to gain recognition for your computing achievements, develop your skills, and immerse yourself in the tech industry.



Program Overview: The Minnesota Aspirations in Computing (MnAiC) program is dedicated to inspiring high school students in grades 9-12 to become our next and best Minnesota-grown technology talent. Recognition, access to technology skill building resources and practitioner connections are offered to students to help inform their technology education and career path decisions. Each year, nearly 100 exceptional students are honored at a spring ceremony attended by educators, business professionals, parents, and other partners.

IMPACT

- ▶ **1102 students honored & 3000+ supported since 2012**
 - 451 top state honorees
 - 543 rising star honorees
 - 108 national honorees
- ▶ **18 technology exploration awardees (started in 2024-25)**
- ▶ **353 job shadow matches**
- ▶ **203 mentor matches**

Our awards celebrate students' computing achievements, enthusiasm for technology, leadership, community involvement, and resilience. This recognition not only acknowledges their accomplishments but also fuels their ongoing engagement in STEM, enhances their confidence, and advances diversity in the tech industry.

Beyond the recognition spotlight, MnAiC provides students with opportunities throughout the academic year to learn about a myriad of technology topics through the SPARCS program and other partner offerings. Participate in the Technology Exploration program, conducting informational interviews with numerous technology professionals. Enjoy job shadow experiences. Plus, benefit from a tech career mentor.

WHY APPLY? ▶



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- **Get Recognized:** Be honored at a Spring 2027 Award Ceremony.
- **Explore Your Path:** Engage with a tech mentor, visit tech job sites, interview practitioners.
- **Grow Your Skills:** Benefit from no-cost in-person and virtual technology exploration topics throughout the school year.
- **High Success Rate:** Historically, greater than 80% of applicants receive some form of recognition!



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- **Minnesota high school students** in grades 9–12

KEY DATES:

Application Opens: September 1, 2026

Deadline: October 27, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET



Ready to take the next step in your tech journey?

Apply now and join a community of peers and practitioners committed to helping you succeed.



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