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## **2026 TechGirls Exchange Program**

The American Institute in Taiwan and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the 2026 TechGirls program. TechGirls is an international summer exchange program designed to empower and inspire young women from around the world to pursue education and careers in science and technology.

This year, the 23-day program will take place starting in July 2026, and includes an interactive technology and computer camp at Virginia Tech, followed by community and career exploration in several U.S. cities (Austin, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, or Seattle), alongside a 7-month mentoring program in Taiwan both before and after the exchange. After the exchange program, the TechGirls return home to educate their peers and conduct community-based projects.

If you are a girl in Taiwan who will be between the ages of 15 and 17 years old at the start of the exchange program (July 11, 2026), and are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, please submit your application to take advantage of this unique opportunity to travel to the United States to develop valuable STEM skills, interact with industry-leading mentors and trainers, and to meet fellow TechGirls from around the world.

**Application Webpage:** Please follow this link: [Eligibility and Application – TechGirls \(techgirlsglobal.org\)](https://techgirlsglobal.org) and submit your application in English.

**Application Deadline: January 20 at 12:00 PM/Noon Eastern Time (January 21 at 1:00 a.m. Taiwan Time), or earlier if 125 completed applications are received, due to this year's submission cap.**

*Please note that due to strong interest in the program globally, ONLY the first 125 fully completed applications from each country/territory will be considered. Do not wait until the last minute to apply as you will not be able to submit an application after 125 completed applications have been received from your country/territory. There will be no exceptions.*

## **2026 Eligibility Requirements:**

- Are between the ages of 15 and 17 at the start of the exchange on July 11, 2026 (Born on or between July 12, 2008 and July 11, 2011);
- Have demonstrated advanced skills and a serious interest in science, technology, engineering, and/or math (STEM) in their academic studies;
- Intend to pursue higher education and/or careers in STEM, especially technology;
- Have strong English language skills;
- Exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness;
- Will attend at least one additional semester of secondary school upon their return home;
- Are committed to completing a community-based project upon their return home;
- Meet U.S. J-1 visa eligibility requirements (for instance, U.S. citizens are not eligible for J-1 visas).
- Eligible candidates must be Taiwanese citizens and current residents.
- Preference will be given to those who have limited or no prior experience in the United States. You are not eligible if you have travelled to the United States in the last three years as part of any other ECA exchange program.
- TechGirls encourages people with diverse backgrounds and skills to apply, including individuals with disabilities.

## **Use of AI software:**

All answers in the application, including written responses to essays, must be your own original work, based on your own creativity and effort, without any aid or assistance from others or from any technological tools (including, but not limited to, translation services and editing software tools).

Using language copied from other applications (including those of other applicants or TechGirls alumnae) or from other sources (including websites or blogs) is considered plagiarism and will result in the application being disqualified.

Candidates are prohibited from using any artificial intelligence (AI) tool, including but not limited to ChatGPT, to aid in their written responses. The review panel reserves the right to discontinue any individual's candidacy if found to have used AI tools in the application process.

## 「2026 科技女孩計畫」甄選開放申請！

美國在台協會很高興宣布：由美國國務院教育與文化事務局所倡議的「2026 科技女孩計畫」甄選現已開放申請！「科技女孩計畫」是一項暑期國際交流計畫，旨在鼓勵並支持世界各地的年輕女性進入理工科學領域深造，並在未來從事相關工作。

「2026 科技女孩計畫」將在 2026 年 7 月展開為期 23 天的課程：包括在維吉尼亞理工學院暨州立大學的互動式科技與電腦程式營隊，以及在美國多座城市（奧斯汀、堪薩斯、辛辛那提、丹佛、底特律，或西雅圖）進行社區和職涯探索。此外，女孩們在赴美參與交流計畫前後，還會在台灣接受共計 7 個月的輔導和推廣活動。赴美交流結束後，科技女孩將回台與同儕分享經驗，並進行社區服務計畫。

如果你（在計畫開始日 2026 年 7 月 11 日時）是介於 15 至 17 歲的臺灣女孩，且對於 STEM 領域（科學、科技、工程、數學）有強烈興趣，我們非常歡迎你申請這項計畫。請務必把握這個難得的機會赴美探索、增進寶貴的 STEM 技能、與業界首屈一指的專家導師交流，並認識來自世界各地的科技女孩。

申請連結：[Apply for TechGirls Program](#)（請用英文提交申請）

申請截止日：2026 年 1 月 21 日凌晨 1 點（台灣時間），或是收到 125 份完整申請時即提前截止，因為本年度設有報名申請名額上限。

申請條件：

- 2026 年 7 月 11 日計畫開始時，15 至 17 歲的女孩（出生日：2008/07/12-2011/07/11）。
- 對科學、科技、電腦工程、數理等相關領域展現強烈的興趣和進階的能力。
- 未來升學與職涯規劃與 STEM 領域相關，尤其是科技領域。

- 英語流利。
- 擁有獨立成熟、心胸開闊、適應力佳等特質。
- 回台後至少須再完成一學期的高中課程。
- 交流結束後，須進行社區服務計畫。
- 符合美國 J-1 簽證資格（美國公民無法獲得 J-1 簽證）。
- 報名成功的申請者，必須為臺灣籍，且目前居住於臺灣。
- 較少訪美或無訪美經驗者優先錄取；過去三年內曾參加國務院教育與文化事務局交流計畫者，將不符合本次申請資格。
- 「科技女孩計畫」歡迎來自各種不同背景的女孩申請，身障者當然也不例外。

#### 人工智慧（AI）軟體使用規定：

申請表當中所有的作答內容（包括申論題與作文），皆須為申請者本人依其自身的創意與努力所完成之**原創內容**，不得在任何情況下接受他人協助，亦不得使用任何科技工具輔助完成（包括但不限於翻譯服務、編輯軟體工具等）。

凡使用其他申請文件（包括其他申請人或 TechGirls 學友之申請內容），或取自其他來源（包括網站或部落格）之文字內容，均視為**抄襲行為**，該申請將立即取消資格。

申請人**不得使用任何人工智慧（AI）工具**協助撰寫申請內容，包括但不限於 ChatGPT。審查委員會保留權利，若發現任何申請人在申請過程中使用 AI 工具，得隨時終止其申請資格。