

# Verizon Innovative Learning app challenge Fan Favorite award.

## What is the Fan Favorite award?

We want to give teachers, students, and the wider community a chance to choose a national winner of the Verizon app challenge. And we want to know which app concepts you like best. That's why we created the Fan Favorite award. All of our Best in State winners are entered into a competition for this award. The team that gets the most votes for its app concept will win the Fan Favorite award.

## What will the Fan Favorite team win?

The team named as the Fan Favorite winner will receive the same prizes as the teams who win Best in Nation. Prizes include an additional \$15,000 award for their school or nonprofit program; in-person coding training from MIT experts to develop their concept into a working app; and an all-expenses-paid trip for each team member and a parent/guardian to the TSA Conference in Orlando, Florida, in June 2017.

## Why should I vote?

Students from across the country have met our challenge to create an idea for a problem solving app. Now it's your turn. Show your support for their passion, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. Your vote says that you support these students in their quest to become tomorrow's creators.

## How do I vote? How long will it take?

Voting is quick and easy. If a Best in State winning team asked you to vote for their concept, you can just text the code they sent to you to 22333. Or, check out the short videos for the app concepts posted on the [voting page](#) and pick your favorite. Scroll down through the list or use the Sort and Search functions at the top of the page. When you have chosen your favorite concept, text its code to 22333 (standard texting rates apply). You'll find the code listed right next to the video.

## Can I vote for my favorite concept more than once?

No. You can vote only once from your phone or mobile device.

## Can I vote online in addition to texting?

No. All votes must be cast by texting the code for your favorite app concept to 22333 (standard texting rates apply).

## Do I have to be on Verizon's network to vote?

No. You can vote from any phone or mobile device capable of SMS messaging on any network.

## Does voting cost money?

No, voting is free. Standard texting rates apply according to your service plan.

## How were the Best in State winners chosen?

A panel of judges assembled by the Technology Student Association, which included educators and industry experts, evaluated all submissions according to the judging rubric posted [here](#). The judges reviewed all the complete submissions to identify one winning team from grades 6 through 8 and another winning team from grades 9 through 12 from each state and the District of Columbia. All the Best in State winning teams are eligible to win the Fan Favorite award.

## Who are the Best in State winning teams? What do they win?

The Best in State winning [teams](#) receive a \$5,000 award for their school or non-profit organization, plus mobile tablets for every team member. They also have the opportunity to compete for the title of Best in Nation and for the Fan Favorite award.