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Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation Launches Web Design Competition with \$156,000 General Motors Grant

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation will launch its annual Website Design Competition Program in October 2020 with a \$156,000 gift from its General Motors partner. The Web Design Competition will offer middle and high school girls the opportunity to learn and demonstrate coding, HTML, and design capabilities as they build a website from scratch. Registration for the free program will open on October 1, at <https://www.mcwtwebdesign4girls.net/resources-tutorials/>

A three-month competition that includes virtual and on-on training sessions, participating girls will ultimately showcase their website designs to industry experts. This year's debuting theme, "A Week Without Technology," will require participants to design a website that details their experience living without modern technology for seven days according to predetermined criteria. Finalists will be invited to present their websites for judging at the end of the competition.

"This program provides an excellent way for students to combine creative expression with technology while gaining HTML skills and industry confidence," said Programming Director Allison Morris. "The competition will allow participants to work collaboratively on website creation and get them comfortable with the ins and outs of web design in an emerging media world."

Sixth through twelfth grade participants will compete in three separate brackets during the competition, to include middle school, beginner high school, and advanced high school. HTML and web experience are not required for participation in the program. Websites are due for preliminary judging on Thursday, December 3, 2020, and finalists will partake in the in-person judging event scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021. Scholarship or stipend awards will be granted to the winner of each bracket.

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation's vision is to make Michigan the No. 1 state for women in technology. The organization supports Michigan's female IT workforce, students, corporate partners, schools and the overall community with programming, scholarships, networking, learning, mentoring, and technology experiences. Find more information at mcwt.org and connect via [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#). For more information on this program, please contact Allison Morris at morrisa@mcwt.org.

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