

## 2025-26 MnAiC Technology Exploration Award – Practitioner Interview Information

Dear technology practitioner,

If you are reading this page, there is a good chance that one of our Aspirations in Computing award applicants shared it with you. Our hope is that you will work with us to help the student who contacted you build valuable skills that will help them to develop their career readiness and grow as a person.

If you are willing and able to meet virtually with the student for 45-60 minutes, the goal will be for them to learn about your career in technology in detail (e.g., what your work day entails, the easiest, most challenging, and most rewarding aspects of your work, etc.), your career path (e.g., education, prior jobs, etc.) and any life lessons or advice that you would be open to sharing.

These discussion topics should be prompted by the student. They will also need to demonstrate that they have researched your work in advance and have several other questions. Please note that the student who is interviewing you must request the meeting directly and cannot be a family member.

These guidelines are in place to help the applicant develop valuable interview and engagement skills which they will be able to apply to their educational and career pursuits, and to encourage them to begin building their professional network.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the types of students who will be applying for the Technology Exploration Award via the Minnesota Aspirations in Computing Program administered by the Minnesota Technology Association.

Following your interview, please be on the lookout for a brief survey requesting your views about the experience.

Thank you for participating! Sharing your time and expertise is invaluable for future technology practitioners!

Sincerely,

The Minnesota Aspirations in Computing – Technology Exploration Award Team