



GTC Golden Ticket - Official Rules

Join developers from around the globe in creating innovative applications powered by NVIDIA technologies.

Contest Terms and Conditions

By entering this Contest, you agree to be bound by these Official Rules and to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER THIS CONTEST. THIS CONTEST IS VOID WHERE RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED BY LAW. OPEN TO LEGAL RESIDENTS OF AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA (EXCLUDING THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC), COLOMBIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, HONG KONG, HUNGARY, IRELAND, JAPAN, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PERU, POLAND, ROMANIA, SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TAIWAN, THE NETHERLANDS, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (EXCLUDING PUERTO RICO AND ITS OTHER TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS).

1. Sponsor

This Contest is sponsored by NVIDIA Corporation, on behalf of itself and its affiliates, with an address at 2788 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, CA 95051, U.S.A. (hereinafter "NVIDIA" or "Sponsor").

2. Eligibility

You must be a resident of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada (excluding the Province of Quebec), Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Romania, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, The United States of America (excluding Puerto Rico and its other territories and possessions), and eighteen (18) years of age or older to be eligible to participate in this Contest. This Contest is open to individuals only. No team entries and no corporate or institutional entries are permitted in this Contest. Employees of Sponsor, its affiliates, and their respective contractors, service providers and professional advisors connected with this Contest, as well as members of their immediate families and/or households, are NOT eligible to enter.

3. The Challenge

This Contest involves the following challenge:

Share an open-source application you built following the requirements specified by each NVIDIA team member / partner on LinkedIn, X, or Instagram with the hashtag #NVIDIAGTC and tag participating channels.

or

Participants in NVIDIA hackathons and contests from Jan 27 - February 15 have the opportunity to submit their projects for evaluation in this contest. Full calendar is [here](#). Winners will be notified in February via email.

Judging

There will be a total of nine (9) winner(s). The winner(s) of the prize(s) will be announced on NVIDIA and partner social handles on or around February 25 2026. Winners will be notified individually prior to this date. NVIDIA and collaborating judges will have the sole authority and discretion to select winners, and all decisions of judges will be FINAL. By entering this Contest, you agree to be bound by the decisions of the NVIDIA judges.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria, each weighted equally: (a) Technical innovation; (b) Effective use of NVIDIA and/or partner technology; (c) Potential impact or usefulness to developers or end users; and (d) Quality of documentation and presentation. Each entry will be scored by a panel of judges on a 1–10 scale for each criterion; the entries with the highest aggregate scores will be selected as potential winners.

4. Prizes and Odds of Winning

The prizes of this Contest are as follows:

Golden Ticket (ARV \$6717 USD) includes:

- One complimentary NVIDIA GTC 2026 Conference pass to attend in person. Travel and accommodations* are not included in this prize. Winners must be able to travel to this event in person to accept this prize.
- VIP seating for NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang's keynote on March 16, 2026
- Invitation to an exclusive happy hour at NVIDIA HQ
- Special NVIDIA merchandise bag
- NVIDIA DGX Spark

Travel and accommodations to and from the event venue are not included in this prize. Winners must be able to travel to this event in person to accept this prize. *Exception applies to the Google Cloud ticket recipient, where a travel stipend is included in prize:

The travel stipend includes reimbursement for (1) round-trip airfare (coach) for the winner from the major airport closest to each individual's residence to San Jose, CA USA for NVIDIA GTC 2026; (1) double-occupancy hotel accommodation for four nights in San Jose, CA USA for NVIDIA GTC 2026. The stipend for the airfare and hotel accommodation is USD \$3,000 per person. The winner is responsible for any other expenses including cost to obtain a passport or visa and any other incidental travel cost not expressly stated above, including but not limited to, ground transportation, passenger tariffs or duties, surcharges, airport fees, service charges or facility charges, personal charges at lodging, security fees, taxes or other expenses are the responsibility solely of the winner. None of the non-cash prizes are redeemable for cash. The approximate retail value (ARV) may be adjusted depending on the country, state or jurisdiction of residence of the winner. All travel arrangements will be made by the traveler (or another party on traveler's behalf) in its sole discretion. Travelers may be required to provide proof of travel, relevant receipts and sign and return additional Prize-related documents as are provided by Sponsor, or provide additional information as requested by Sponsor, including without limitation for purposes of receiving the reimbursement for the Travel Prize reimbursement. The cash equivalent of the airfare or hotel will not be provided in any situation. Travelers must have necessary documents to travel to San Jose, CA USA. This includes but is not limited to a valid visa and passport. In the event a winner is unable to attend NVIDIA GTC 2026 due to an unforeseen circumstance (example: sudden illness, or a death in the family), the Sponsor reserves the right to identify a new recipient of the ticket prize, including the airfare and hotel component.

The prizes are not assignable or transferable by winners. Brand and model of prizes are subject to change by NVIDIA at any time for any reason and substitutions will be of equal or greater value. NVIDIA is not responsible or liable for the distribution of any prizes once they are shipped to the winner. The prizes offered, and the entrants that are successful, are not distinguishable by country and do not hold any

bias and are equally attainable for all participating countries and their entrants. THIS CONTEST HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN OFFERED. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received.

5. Entry Period

The entry period for this Contest begins on January 27 and ends on February 15, 2025. (hereinafter the "Entry Period"). Following the entry period, an NVIDIA judge will select and announce the winners of the contest on or around February 25, 2026.

6. Winner Announcement; Claiming and Awarding of Prize

The winners of the contest will be announced via social media on the @NVIDIAGTC social handles (X, LinkedIn) on or about February 25, 2026. Within 48 hours following such announcement, the winners will be notified by NVIDIA via direct message. To claim the prize, the winner must do the following within 48 hours from the date of NVIDIA's notification:

- confirm receipt of the notice by email/direct message (which confirmation must be sent from the same email address/account to which the notice was sent); and
- complete, sign, and return a winner release form (as provided by NVIDIA along with its email notice) and such other requisite documentation (if any) listed in NVIDIA's email notice

Digital prizes will be electronically emailed to the email address supplied as part of their contest submission. Physical prizes will be delivered onsite at NVIDIA GTC March 16-19, 2026.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL ENTRANTS: If a winner cannot be contacted or fails to claim the prize or to return the Required Winner Documents within the specified time period, or if the prize is returned as undeliverable, or if a winner fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Official Rules, such winner will be considered to have forfeited the prize. In such case, the prize will be awarded to the individual who submitted the next best entry as previously determined by NVIDIA.

7. Privacy

By entering this promotion you expressly consent to NVIDIA's collection, processing and use of your personal information that you provide in connection with this promotion (including, but not limited to, disclosure of your name and state of residence on a winners list and making such list available to the public) and under the terms of NVIDIA's privacy policy, which can be accessed at https://www.nvidia.com/object/privacy_policy.html.

8. Taxes

The winner of this Contest is solely responsible for any and all applicable taxes and government charges that result from his/her receipt and/or use of the prize. Sponsor reserves the right to withhold and deduct such taxes and charges from the prize if and to the extent required by law.

9. AGREEMENTS by Entrant

- By entering this Contest, each entrant agrees and acknowledges that Sponsor and Sponsor Related Parties shall not be responsible or liable for: (i) any late, lost, stolen, forged, mutilated, corrupted, incomplete, illegible or misdirected entries; (ii) any errors, omissions, misinformation, or misidentification in an entry; (iii) any dispute or claim arising from an entrant's participation in this Contest or his/her entry, or his/her receipt, ownership or use of the prize; (iv) any computer hardware, software, Internet, network, cable, phone, or other communication or technical errors, failures, malfunctions, interruptions, or delays; or (v) any damage to an entrant's or any other person's computer hardware, software or data that results from participation in this Contest or accessing, downloading or using any tools, files, data, software, or other articles or materials in connection with this Contest.
- By entering this Contest, each entrant agrees and consents to Sponsor's collection, use and retention of his/her personal information for all purposes related to this Contest (including, without limitation, processing and administering entries, sharing an entrant's personal information with Sponsor Related Parties as necessary to conduct and operate this Contest, communicating with and awarding the prize to the winner, making public announcements about the winner, and advertising, promoting and publicizing this Contest).
- ANY ENTRY THAT IS IN BREACH OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OR IS OTHERWISE IN VIOLATION OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES, WILL BE DEEMED VOID AND AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THIS CONTEST.

10. Reservation of Rights by Sponsor

Sponsor reserves the right, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to terminate, cancel, modify or suspend this Contest, in whole or in part, if fraud, technical failures or any other factor beyond Sponsor's reasonable control impairs the integrity of this Contest as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. If this Contest or any web site associated therewith (or any portion thereof) becomes corrupted or otherwise does not permit entry, or if infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, actions by entrants, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes, in Sponsor's sole opinion, corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper operation of this Contest, Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion and to the extent permitted by applicable law, to disqualify any individual implicated in such action, and/or to cancel, terminate, cancel, modify or suspend this Contest, in whole or in part. Any attempt by an entrant or any other individual to deliberately damage any online service or web site or undermine the legitimate operation of this Contest is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages and/or other remedies from any such person to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. In addition, Sponsor reserves the right to take down and remove any entry that becomes subject to a third-party claim for copyright infringement or for violation of any other right.

11. Governing Law; Jurisdiction

These Official Rules are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, U.S.A., without giving effect to its conflicts of law rules. Each entrant hereby submits himself or herself to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in Santa Clara, California, U.S.A.

12. Contest Information

The Sponsor of this promotion is NVIDIA. The winners will be posted at <http://x.com/nvidiaGTC> and <http://linkedin.com/showcase/nvidia-gtc>.