

# MICROSOFT ONLINE SERIES: GENAI FOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS - THE 2ND WAVE CONTEST

## OFFICIAL RULES

### 1. SPONSOR

These Official Rules ("Rules") govern the operation of the Microsoft Online Series: GenAI for Software Developers - The 2nd Wave Contest ("Contest"). Microsoft Corporation, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA, 98052, USA, is the Contest sponsor ("Sponsor").

### 2. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, "Microsoft", "we", "our", and "us" refer to Sponsor and "you" and "yourself" refers to a Contest participant, or the parent/legal guardian of any Contest entrant who has not reached the age of majority to contractually obligate themselves in their legal place of residence. By entering you (your parent/legal guardian if you are not the age of majority in your legal place of residence) agree to be bound by these Rules.

### 3. ENTRY PERIOD

The Contest starts at 12:00 a.m. Pacific Time (PT) on September 11, 2024, and ends at 11:59 p.m. PT on March 13 and will consist of ten (10) unique Entry Periods, one (1) for each of the webinars available here: [Online Series: GenAI for Software Developers - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave \(microsoft.com\) which are happening during the contest period.](https://microsoft.com/genai/2ndwave)

Entries will be eligible only for the webinar in which they are received and will not carryover. You must enter separately for each webinar.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

This is a trade Contest open only to persons employed in the field of software research or software sales and development who are 18 years of age or older. If you are 18 years of age or older but have not reached the age of majority in your legal place of residence, then you must have consent of a parent/legal guardian.

Employees and directors of Microsoft Corporation and its subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising agencies, and Contest Parties are not eligible, nor are persons involved in the execution or administration of this promotion, or the family members of each above (parents, children, siblings, spouse/domestic partners, or individuals residing in the same household). Void in Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, Region of Crimea, Russia, and where prohibited.

If you are participating in your capacity as an employee, it is your sole responsibility to comply with your employer's gift policies. Microsoft will not be party to any disputes or actions related to this matter.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are a public sector employee (government and education), all prize awards will be awarded directly to your public sector organization and subject to receipt of a gift letter signed by your agency/institution's ethics officer, attorney, or designated executive/officer responsible for your organization's gifts/ethics policy. Microsoft seeks to ensure that by offering items of value at no charge in promotional settings it does not create any violation of the letter or spirit of the entrant's applicable gifts and ethics rules.

### 5. HOW TO ENTER

To participate, Sponsor will post a question in the event's public chat related to the content presented during the event. The first person to answer correctly within the chat will be declared as the winner of that session.

The entry limit is one per person per webinar.

Any attempt by you to obtain more than the stated number of entries by using multiple/different accounts, identities, registrations, logins, or any other methods will void your entries and you may be disqualified. Use of any automated system to participate is prohibited.

We are not responsible for excess, lost, late, or incomplete entries. If disputed, entries will be deemed submitted by the "authorized account holder" of the email address, social media account, or other method used to enter. The "authorized account holder" is the natural person assigned to an email address by an internet or online service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning email addresses.

Your entry may NOT contain, as determined by us in our sole and absolute discretion, any content that is obscene or offensive, violent, defamatory, disparaging or illegal, or that promotes alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco or a particular political agenda, or that communicates messages that may reflect negatively on the goodwill of Microsoft.

## **6. WINNER SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION**

Pending confirmation of eligibility, ten (10) potential prize winner (one winner per webinar) will be selected by Microsoft or their Agent or a qualified judging panel from among all eligible entries received based on the following judging criteria:

- 50% - Correctness of the answer - who answers the question correctly
- 50% - Rapidity - who answers first

In the event of a tie between any eligible entries, an additional judge will break the tie based on the judging criteria described above. The decisions of the judges are final and binding. If we do not receive enough entries meeting the entry requirements, we may, at our discretion, select fewer winners than the number of Contest Prizes described below. If public vote determines winners, it is prohibited for any person to obtain votes by any fraudulent or inappropriate means, including offering prizes or other inducements in exchange for votes, automated programs or fraudulent i.d's. Microsoft will void any questionable votes.

Winners will be notified instantly during the webinar via private message with prize claim instructions, including submission deadlines. If a selected winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim a prize or fails to return any Forms, the selected winner will forfeit their prize and an alternate winner will be selected time allowing. If you are a potential winner and you are 18 or older but have not reached the age of majority in your place of legal residence, we may require your parent/legal guardian to sign all required forms on your behalf. Only three alternate winners will be selected, after which unclaimed prizes will remain unawarded.

## **7. PRIZES**

The following prizes will be awarded:

**Ten (10) Grand Prizes.** Each winner will receive:

An online voucher that can be used on this website: <https://www.thegithubshop.com/> to purchase a swag. Approximate Retail Value (ARV) \$30.00.

The total Approximate Retail Value (ARV) of all prizes: **\$300**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are a public sector employee (government and education), your prize will be awarded directly to your public sector organization and subject to receipt of a gift letter signed by your agency/institution's ethics officer, attorney, or designated executive/officer responsible for your organization's gifts/ethics policy.

We will only award one (1) prize per person overall. No more than the stated number of prizes will be awarded. No substitution, transfer, or assignment of prize permitted, except that Microsoft reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value in the event the offered prize is unavailable. Microsoft products awarded as prizes are awarded "AS IS" and WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, express or implied (including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose); you assume the entire risk of quality and performance, and should the prizes prove defective, you assume the entire cost of all necessary servicing or repair. This is so even if the Microsoft product mentions a warranty on its packaging, in a manual, or in marketing materials; no warranty applies to Microsoft products awarded as prizes. Microsoft does not give any warranty of any kind, express or implied (including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose) on products made by a company other than Microsoft that are awarded as prizes. Please contact the manufacturer to see if it is covered by that company's warranty.

Prizes will be sent no later than 28 days after winner selection. Prize winners may be required to complete and return prize claim and / or tax forms ("Forms") within the deadline stated in the winner notification. Taxes on the prize, if any, are the sole responsibility of the winner, who is advised to seek independent counsel regarding the tax implications of accepting a prize. By accepting a prize, you agree that Microsoft may use your entry, name, image and hometown online and in print, or in any other media, in connection with this Contest without payment or compensation to you, except where prohibited by law.

## **8. ODDS**

The odds of winning are based on the number of eligible entries received.

## **9. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

To the extent allowed by law, by entering you agree to release and hold harmless Microsoft and its respective parents, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents from any and all liability or any injury, loss, or damage of any kind arising in connection with this Contest or any prize won.

All local laws apply. The decisions of Microsoft are final and binding.

We reserve the right to cancel, change, or suspend this Contest for any reason, including cheating, technology failure, catastrophe, war, or any other unforeseen or unexpected event that affects the integrity of this Contest, whether human or mechanical. If the integrity of the Contest cannot be restored, we may select winners from among all eligible entries received before we had to cancel, change or suspend the Contest.

If you attempt or we have strong reason to believe that you have compromised the integrity or the legitimate operation of this Contest by cheating, hacking, creating a bot or other automated program, or by committing fraud in any way, we may seek damages from you to the full extent of the law and you may be banned from participation in future Microsoft promotions.

#### **10. GOVERNING LAW**

This Contest will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and you consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the State of Washington for any disputes arising out of this Contest.

#### **11. USE OF YOUR ENTRY**

Personal data you provide while entering this Contest will be used by Microsoft and/or its agents and prize fulfillers acting on Microsoft's behalf only for the administration and operation of this Contest and in accordance with the [Microsoft Privacy Statement](#).

#### **12. WINNERS LIST**

Send an email to [GenAIforDev@Microsoft.com](mailto:GenAIforDev@Microsoft.com). with the subject line "Online Series: GenAI for Software Developers - The 2nd Wave Contest winners" within 30 days of March 13, 2025 to receive a list of winners that received a prize worth \$25.00 or more.