

**Sample Advocacy Letter**

*A **sample advocacy letter** to be used by students that would encourage educators and administrators to recognize the importance of Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek) and to participate or create an event*

[DATE]

[NAME]

[TITLE]

[ADDRESS]

[CITY, STATE ZIP]

Dear [EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR, BUSINESS OR UNIVERSITY]'

Did you know that computer scientists make a lot of money? Did you know that computer scientists work at companies and on projects that solve the world's problems? I did. Unfortunately, I don't learn much about computer science at school. I know how to use a computer, but in order to solve the world's problems and make a lot of money, I need to know how computers work and what the foundations are for the systems they support. That means I need to learn computer science.

The companies that want to hire me and the organizations that are making sure computing thrives have come together to create Computer Science Education Week. They have created a website—[www.csedweek.org](http://www.csedweek.org)—and lots of resources to support events of all shapes and sizes. There's information on the jobs waiting for computer science graduates and what it means to be in the computing field. Computer Science Education Week allows communities to learn more about what computer science is and the opportunities it offers. And it's really more than a week.

I hope that our community joins in these activities, pledges to host an event, and teaches me and other young people the importance of computer science and computer science education. Young people like me, my classmates and my neighbors deserve an opportunity to get excited about technology and what it can mean to us.

I can help. Let me know how!

Sincerely,

[NAME]