

# High School Aerospace Scholars: Frequently Asked Questions

## Who is eligible?

Applicant must be:

- U.S. citizen
- Texas resident
- High school junior
- Committed to the ten-month program duration, including a virtual summer experience
- Able to access the Internet (home, school, or public library)

## How do I apply?

The HAS application is open annually between September and October. Check application link on the splash page to find **Important Dates** and see when the next application will open.

## Who do I contact about my application?

Email [hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov) for all questions about your application.

## What happens after I submit my application?

Award notifications of application acceptance will be sent end of October via email from [hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov). Notification about login to the online course and student orientation will be sent via email from [jsc-has@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:jsc-has@mail.nasa.gov).

## What is the timeline?

- **October:** State legislators receive information from HAS team describing the activity and its guidelines.
- **September-October:** Application and selection process for students.

- **October-April:** Students engage in interactive online learning and discussions related to space exploration, including webinars and online discussions with NASA engineers and scientists.
- **April-May:** Selected students prepare for the summer **virtual** experience.
- **Early June:** Virtual summer experience – Moonshot.
- **Late July:** Onsite residential experience for the top scoring Moonshot teams.

## **What will I do if I'm selected to participate?**

**Online Course:** During the school year students complete an online course. This state-aligned STEM curriculum focuses on Earth, aeronautics, the International Space Station, Moon to Mars, and the solar system. The course includes interactive lessons, rubric-based activities, and quizzes.

**Summer Experience:** Students achieving a 70 percent or greater overall average will receive an invitation to a five-day virtual summer experience. In this portion of the course, students collaboratively work with a team to complete an Artemis-themed Moon to Mars mission and design challenge by working with NASA mentors.

## **What will this cost?**

No cost for selected students, technical reviewers, game moderators, or counselors.

## **How do I get the science elective credit?**

Upon successful completion of the online portion of the course, supporting documentation will be provided to students for a 0.5 science elective credit. If students are selected and successfully complete the summer virtual experience, additional documentation will be provided for a second 0.5 science elective credit. The elective credit documentation will be provided to the student, who is then responsible for submitting the documentation to the school. It is at the discretion of each student's high school as to whether credit will be awarded.

## **What if I still have HAS questions?**

For more information about the NASA High School Aerospace Scholars activity, please email questions to [jsc-has@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:jsc-has@mail.nasa.gov).

## Are there additional student resources?

- Student Careers
- Student Internship Opportunities
- NASA Jobs
- Current Student Opportunities at NASA
- [NASA Office of STEM Engagement Opportunities](#)
- [NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars](#)