



2019 Space Camp Scholarship Application

Are you ready to launch into the adventure of a lifetime? Have you dreamed of attending Space Camp?

When you attend Space Camp®, you get to be an aspiring explorer training to live and work in space. This is your opportunity to command, navigate, and contribute to a space mission simulation. Space Camp will inspire and motivate you to join the ranks of space pioneers who persevere to push the boundaries of human exploration.

Geek Partnership Society is offering a scholarship that will cover the cost of one session of Space Camp or Space Academy (run by the U.S. Space & Rocket Center) in Huntsville, Alabama including airfare. Please read through the qualifications and fill out this application. Return it and the requested essay between November 1, 2018 and December 16, 2018 for this year's program (2019 award). If you are not selected, you may reapply each year that you are qualified. For details about the camp, please read through www.spacecamp.com.

Qualifications:

- Be age 10-14 at time they attend
- Be a resident of the 5 state area (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota).
- Type a 500 to 900 word essay OR film a 3 to 10-minute video answering: "Who is your space industry hero, and how has this person inspired you?"
- Be able to demonstrate an interest in and understanding of space exploration
- Have parental consent and fill out application fully and accurately (attached)
- Have at least one personal/educational reference who can attest to your ability to be successful at Space Camp and supply a letter of recommendation (copy is fine, we recommend you keep the original for other applications you may do).
- Be able to attend Space Camp/Academy during the available time period
- Be able to attend a 5-night program out of state without a parent
- Be able and willing to represent Geek Partnership Society while attending Space Camp
- Be able to attend the Opening Ceremony of the 2019 CONvergence convention in Minneapolis for the winner announcement. The winner and responsible adult will receive complimentary memberships to the convention.

Details & Disclaimers:

- Geek Partnership Society is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. This scholarship is given from donations of GPS members and partners to help inspire and educate children in space exploration and science. Geek Partnership Society does not discriminate based on race, sex, religion, sexual identity, or citizenship. GPS will give higher precedence to child GPS members or if a child's family or guardians are active in our organization. Selection is done by committee and applicants will be notified no later than January 31, 2019. If any information is proven to be inaccurate, GPS reserves the right to reject the application.
- Recipients will be notified via phone or email (to the parent/guardian) and award letter.
- If you are awarded the Space Camp scholarship and are unable to attend for any reason, Geek Partnership Society insists on as much notice as possible to reschedule the session or to possibly pass the scholarship to the runner up. Applicants may apply as many years that they wish as long as they meet the qualifications. However, the Geek Partnership Society Space Camp scholarship is limited to once per child.
- GPS will in partnership with the applicant's parent(s), make travel arrangements with a selected airline.
- GPS is not responsible for charges incurred while the student is enrolled at Space Camp (incidentals, souvenirs, etc.), nor for parental airfare should the student be accompanied. The U.S. Space & Rocket Center will provide transportation from Huntsville airport to the Space Camp/ Academy.
- GPS is not responsible for any injuries sustained while child is at Space Camp. GPS also does not provide liability insurance for the protection of the child(ren) while at camp. In consideration for your participation for Space Camp, the individual (and his/her parent/guardian) does hereby release and forever discharge GPS and its board from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands for, upon or by reason of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by participating in Space Camp.

This release extends and applies to, and also covers and includes, all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability and the consequences thereof, as well as those now disclosed and known to exist. The provisions of any state, federal, local or territorial law or state providing substance that releases shall not extend to claims, demands, injuries, or damages which are known or unsuspected to exist at this time, to the person executing such release, are hereby expressly waived.

I hereby agree on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to indemnify GPS and its officers, board and employees, joint and severally from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands for, upon or by reason of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by participating in Space Camp.

It is further understood and agreed that said participation in Space Camp is not to be construed as an admission of any liability and acceptance of assumption of responsibility by GPS, its officers, board, and employees, jointly and severally, for all damages and expenses for which GPS, its officers, board and employees, become liable as a result of any alleged act of the participant.



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Date of Application: _____

Applicant Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ School _____

Current Grade/Last Grade completed: _____ Age/ Birthday: _____

School Address / Phone #: _____

Have you attended Space Camp or Space Academy before? _____

If so, when: _____

Parent(s) Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Educational Reference

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship (Teacher, coach, etc.) _____

Geek Partnership Society:

How did you hear about the Scholarship Program.

I agree that everything in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that I meet all of the qualifications for this scholarship and that I accept responsibility for working with GPS to meet all Space Camp rules and regulations.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date

How to submit:

Please submit the Space Camp Application with all the required information to spacecamp@geekpartnership.org no later than 11:59 pm December 16, 2018.

The application form, written essay, (if not submitting a video essay), and reference should be in Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe PDF (.pdf) formats.

If you prefer, you may print and mail the documents to the address below. Keep in mind that mailed documents **must be postmarked no later than December 17, as the 16th a Sunday. No late applications will be accepted.**

Geek Partnership Society
c/o Space Camp Committee
1121 Jackson St. NE, Ste. 106
Minneapolis, MN 55413

For video submissions: Upload your video to YouTube under as unlisted (anyone with the link can view) and share that link and the other document files to spacecamp@geekpartnership.org by the deadline.

If you have any questions about the scholarship, the application process, or anything else, please email them to spacecamp@geekpartnership.org.