

Astronaut Scholarship Foundation

INSTRUCTIONS TO FACULTY MEMBERS FOR NOMINATING ASTRONAUT FOUNDATION SCHOLARS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation's award is for outstanding students who exhibit motivation, imagination, and exceptional performance in the fields of engineering and natural or applied sciences at one of the nineteen schools which the Foundation has agreements with. The award is for \$10,000.

It is the desire of the Founders that the students nominated for Astronaut Scholarships be highly motivated, focused in their scientific objectives and possessed of intellectual daring. We recognize that these special students may be so involved, they excel in science and engineering although they may be somewhat less successful in general studies courses. At least one of the two final candidates must be an undergraduate student.

Because the junior, senior and early graduate student years are critical times of professional maturation, we restrict our awards to students enrolled at those levels (this excludes PhD candidates). Thus, it is possible to nominate a currently enrolled sophomore for the award for their junior year. Further, if progress is satisfactory as indicated by official grade reports, and a renewal application, the award may be renewed for that student until the degree sought at the time of application is completed (up to two years). Although we wish to make it clear that the award will be made primarily on the basis of merit, financial need will be considered.

Submission Guidelines:

- Students must be a United States citizen (birth certificate or naturalization papers required)
- **STUDENTS CANNOT APPLY DIRECTLY FOR THIS AWARD**
- Students must be identified and nominated by at least one faculty member who knows the nominee *personally and well*
- Students must be entering their junior or senior year, or be seeking a masters degree at the time the award begins.
- The faculty member should, at a minimum, complete the scholarship nomination form with assistance of the nominee
- Two nomination letters from faculty members at the student's institution must be submitted to the Foundation; one letter must be from the nominating professor
- Students must submit a short, not to exceed one page of 12 point type, statement of personal interests, activities, hobbies and goals. The narrative letter supporting the nomination form should give examples of the involvement and commitment of the student to sciences or engineering beyond the formal classroom setting as shown on the transcript. Creativity is an important attribute to document
- An official transcript must be submitted
- Students must submit a current, personal resume
- Completed nominations should be submitted to the Astronaut Scholarship liaison at the applying school (check with school coordinator for internal deadline)
- Nominations will then be screened by your institution's regularly sitting scholarship committee or its equivalent and two nominations will be submitted to the Foundation by April 1, 2010

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation retains the right to reject any and all nominees. The Foundation Scholarship Committee will make the final selection.

Questions may be directed to Astronaut Scholarship Foundation Executive Director Linn LeBlanc at 321-455-7011 or e-mail Linn@astronautscholarship.org.

Participating Institutions Include: Georgia Institute of Technology, Harvey Mudd College, Miami University (Ohio), North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina State University, North Dakota State University, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University, Syracuse University, Texas A&M University, Tufts University, University of Central Florida, University of Colorado, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma, University of Washington and Washington University (St. Louis)