

**Dear Applicant:**

The North Alabama Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers Professionals (NAL NSBE Professionals) invites middle-school students to participate in our Space Camp/Academy Scholarship. The NAL NSBE Professionals was established out of a need to stimulate and sustain minority participation in Engineering and the Applied Sciences. This chapter of NSBE Professionals encourages and advises youth in their pursuits of careers in engineering and the applied sciences by offering programs and services that include Scholarship Endowment, Tutorial Programs, Advanced Study Skills and much more. In keeping with its objectives, the NAL NSBE Professionals provide the opportunity for minority students to attend the US Space Camp/Academy.

The NAL NSBE Professionals will award Space Camp Scholarships to minority youths within North Alabama. The scholarship covers a week-long program at the Alabama Space Camp, which includes meals, educational materials, housing accommodations, and paraphernalia. The US Space Camp/ Academy is an educational program that couples classroom instruction with hands on activities. Trainees learn about space flight and the space program from attending lectures and seminars, and put this information to practical use with simulators and tours.

You can help the NAL NSBE Professionals select qualified minority students for the scholarship by recommending deserving students. Candidates should satisfy the following criteria:

- Students in grades 6, 7, or 8
- Interested in engineering and applied sciences
- Strong academic background
- Financial Need
- **Interview for finalists will be required**
- Not previously attended US Space Camp/Academy

Each applicant is required to complete the following steps before his/her application will be processed:

1. Complete the scholarship application form.
2. Submit at least one Teacher Recommendation form.
3. Submit at least one Personal Reference Recommendation form.
4. Submit an essay on the question from the scholarship application form (attached). The essay will be judged on the following criteria:
  - ORIGINALITY - *uniqueness of thought, but not necessarily scientific or technical expertise.*
  - LEVEL OF INTEREST - *enthusiasm for the US Space Camp/Academy programs and general interest in the space program.*
  - PRESENTATION - *clarity of expression, quality of grammar (appropriate to grade), and neatness of presentation.*
5. You may submit your application online at <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024SpaceCamp> or mail you Application, Teacher Recommendation, Personal Recommendation forms and essay to the address listed below. Recommendation letters can be submitted online at <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024Recommendation>.

**NAL NSBE Professionals  
Attn: Space Camp Scholarship  
P.O. Box 949  
Huntsville, AL 35804**

All forms (application/recommendation/essay) must be submitted in the same envelope, and entries must be received on or before **Friday, March 9, 2024**. The scholarships will cover registration and enrollment for one week during the summer session and will be awarded at the NAL NSBE Professionals Annual Scholarship Program scheduled for **April 2024**. If you are selected as a finalist, a **formal interview will be scheduled and conducted at a later date**.

There is no limit on the number of students that may participate from each school, church, or community. If there are any questions or concerns, you may call Melvin Felton at (256) 679-2892 (email: [scholarhsip@nsbe-northalabamaae.com](mailto:scholarhsip@nsbe-northalabamaae.com)) Pam McDonald at (email: [nsbenorthalabamaae@gmail.com](mailto:nsbenorthalabamaae@gmail.com)).

Sincerely,



Melvin D. Felton  
Scholarship Committee Chairperson  
North Alabama NSBE Professionals

Enclosures:

U.S. Space Academy Application  
Teacher Recommendation Form  
Personal Reference Recommendation Form



Please attach additional pages as necessary to complete and answer questions below.

**List science projects in which you have participated during the past two years.**


**Provide background information about yourself, describing events that have taken place in your life that have had an impact on your school activities.**


**Why do you want to attend U.S. Space Academy?**


Number in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Household Income (check one):

\$0 - \$20,000     
  \$20,000 - \$30,000     
  \$30,000 - \$40,000  
 \$40,000 - \$50,000     
  \$50,000 - \$60,000     
  over \$60,000

**ESSAY TOPICS**

Write an essay on the topic below. Limit essay to a maximum of two pages. Include the essay with your application.

**Essay Topic: Engineering Community**

**How can we use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) to increase unity in our community?**

Submit all of the required materials to include your completed scholarship application, essay and recommendation forms to the following address on or before **Friday, March 9, 2024** or you may complete the application online at <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024SpaceCamp>.

Recommendation letters can be submitted to <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024Recommendation>.

**Late or incomplete scholarship applications may not be evaluated.**

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By signing this application you are certifying that all of the information contained herein is true and correct.

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## U.S. SPACE CAMP/ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Recommending a student for a U.S. Space Academy Scholarship implies that you feel the student is deserving of this scholarship. Your recommendation does not in any way make you obligated for any aspect of the student's participation in U.S. Space Academy.

All application materials are due on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**. Recommendation letters can be submitted to <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024Recommendation>.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Subject or Grade Taught \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a letter or statement indicating why you feel this student deserves a tuition scholarship to U.S. Space Academy.

*If you wish to make additional or confidential comments, please return them in a sealed envelope to the applicant. Applicant must submit all forms to NAL NSBE-AE in one envelope.*

## U.S. SPACE CAMP/ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PERSONAL REFERENCE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Recommending a student for a U.S. Space Academy Scholarship implies that you feel the student is deserving of this scholarship. Your recommendation does not in any way make you obligated for any aspect of the student's participation in U.S. Space Academy.

All application materials are due on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**. Recommendation letters can be submitted to <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024Recommendation>.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reference's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reference's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Reference's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with Student \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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