

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who is eligible?

Applicant must be:

- U.S. citizen
- Texas resident
- High school junior
- Interested and excited about science, technology, engineering, or mathematics
- Committed to a one-year relationship with Johnson, including a designated five-day virtual summer experience
- Able to access to 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 and download Important Dates to see when the next application will open.

## What is the timeline?

- September: State Legislators receive information describing the activity, its guidelines.
- September-October: Application and selection process for students.
- November-February: 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 experience.
- June: Virtual summer experience – Moonshot.

## 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, International Space Station, Moon to Mars, and the Solar System. The course includes interactive lessons, rubric-based activities and quizzes.

Summer Experience: Highest achieving students 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 and game moderators.

### **How do I obtain more information?**

For questions not answered on the website, please contact us at [jsc-has@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:jsc-has@mail.nasa.gov)

### **What happens after I submit my application?**

You will receive an email from [hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov) confirming the submission of your application. Your application is considered complete once we have received all of your supporting materials. You are notified by email notification as each item is received. 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 [nasp@okstate.edu](mailto:nasp@okstate.edu).

### **Why must I select my Texas legislator and Texas senator in the application**

You must carefully select your state legislator and senator from the drop-down menus in the application. As part of the application process, we will notify your local legislators of your wish to participate in the High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) and seek their nomination for your acceptance into HAS. **Do not contact your state legislator's directly. We will communicate with them during the process on your behalf.** You can find your local legislators [here](#).

### **Who do I contact if I do not receive a confirmation email after I submit my application or if I have problems with the web site?**

Please send an email to [hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov) and be as specific as possible.

### **Who do I contact if I have problems with the Canvas Learning Management System?**

Please send an email to [nasp@okstate.edu](mailto:nasp@okstate.edu) and be as specific as possible.

### **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 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 to submit the documentation to the school.

For both the online and summer portions of the activity, 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 Community College Aerospace Scholars](#)