



JOHNSON SPACE CENTER **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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RESP. ORG (Directorate-level Org Code) AH		Daniel P. Costello Chair, Starport Services

STARPORT (JSC EXCHANGE) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Starport maintains a college scholarship fund to provide financial assistance for dependents of JSC civil service or reimbursable detailees and dependents of JSC Starport Partners (list attached) to attend college.

Starport intends to award two scholarships – one for dependents (children) of civil service employees and one for the dependents (children) of Starport Partner employees. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, and involvement in school or community activities. The scholarship winners may pursue any course of study leading to a recognized degree, at any accredited college in the country.

AMOUNT OF EACH SCHOLARSHIP

- Individual one-time only scholarships of up to \$4000 are given in the amount of \$2000 per academic semester, (Fall 2026 and Spring 2027), or as determined by Starport.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The Scholarship Program is open to students who graduate from public, parochial, private high school or complete a home-schooling program in 2026, or students who are currently enrolled in college and are in good academic standing.
- Applicants must have a high school grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent.
- Applicants must be a minor dependent (child) of one of the following: JSC civil service employees, NASA civil service employee permanently stationed at JSC, Starport employee, or a JSC Starport Partner employee.
- Minor dependents (children) of civil service employees, Starport employees, or Starport Partner employees, who were medically retired or deceased during the previous year of this application process, and who otherwise would have met these qualifications, are also eligible for consideration.
- Each minor dependent child is eligible to be selected and awarded only one Starport (JSC Exchange) Scholarship.

- For purposes of this program, the minor dependent (child) of a civil service employee or Starport Partner is defined as a child student for which, the employee claims an exemption of his or her Federal income tax or which, is a natural adopted or foster child, for which, the employee furnished the majority of support.

HOW TO APPLY

- Application forms for the scholarship are available online at <https://www.nasa.gov/Starport/ProgramsAndEvents/ScholarshipProgram>
- Completed applications can be emailed to Yvette Villarreal at yvette.j.villarreal@nasa.gov and Bradley Niese at bradley.j.niese@nasa.gov.
 - High School students should furnish an original transcript of their high school grades, and a record of their Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) scores electronically no later than April 30, 2026, to Yvette Villarreal.
 - College Students should furnish their most recent transcript of college grades, as well as a transcript of high school grades and SAT or ACT scores electronically no later than April 30, 2026, to Yvette Villarreal.
 - If the applicant or school is unable to supply an official transcript electronically, we are accepting unofficial transcripts to fulfill the requirement of a completed application. This also applies for any SAT/ACT scores not identified in the unofficial transcript.
- Application forms must be received no later than **April 30, 2026**, to be considered for this year's program.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

- Application forms and scholastic records are evaluated by the Starport Scholarship Committee, composed of at least one member of the Starport Council, one senior JSC employee, and one representative from the Starport Partner participants companies.
- All applicants are notified by email of the results by approximately June 15, 2026, or sooner.

2026 Starport Partners

All Civil Servant Employees
Aegis Aerospace
Analytical Mechanics Associates, Inc.
Boeing
Booz Allen Hamilton
Collins Aerospace
Geo Controls System Inc.
Helios Solutions
J&P Technologies
Jacobs / Amentum
JES Tech
KBR
Logical Innovations, Inc.
LZ Technology Inc.
MDA Systems Inc.
Metecs
NLT Management Services
Oceaneering
PAE / Amentum
SAIC
Tietronix Software
Wellby Financial

**STARPORT SERVICES - JSC SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

Employee Name _____

Employer Name _____ Mail Code _____

Office Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Office Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Student's Name _____

Relationship to Employee _____

Name of High School _____

Address of High School _____

Graduation Date _____

I certify that the information provided in this application is current and correct and that the student listed above is claimed by me as an exemption on my most recent Federal income tax return or is a natural, adopted, or foster child for which I furnish the majority of support.

Employee Signature Date

Privacy Act Statement: The attached material is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

TO: Employee/Applicant

1. The applications will be held in confidence and will be reviewed only by the Scholarship Committee. For your information, it is our practice to have someone from my staff review the applications for basic eligibility and then "sanitize" Parts A, B, C, and D of the Application Form and the transcripts (remove all identifications of names, address, etc.) before passing it to the Scholarship Committee for review. This helps us ensure that the Committee considers only the specified criteria in reaching its decisions.
2. If you have any questions concerning the application procedures, please contact Bradley Niese at bradley.j.niese@nasa.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Bradley Niese
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

PART A
SCHOLASTIC RECORDS

Please send a copy of all transcripts. If SAT or ACT scores are not shown on the transcripts, please provide a copy of the report scores. You are responsible for arranging for the school to furnish transcripts of grades and results of SAT or ACT by the deadline date. If the student is taking accelerated course, please insure that the school indicates which courses are accelerated or premium to permit an equitable evaluation of grades.

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____ MAXIMUM POSSIBLE _____

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS RANK _____ OUT OF _____ STUDENTS GRADUATING

COLLEGE (IF ANY) GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____ MAXIMUM POSSIBLE _____

LIST COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH STUDENT HAS APPLIED FOR ADMISSION

WHICH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY IS THE STUDENT MOST LIKELY TO ATTEND:

WHAT FIELD OF STUDY DOES THE STUDENT PLAN TO PURSUE?

WHAT SPECIAL RECOGNITION, IF ANY, DID STUDENT RECEIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE WORK SUCH AS HONORS, PRIZES, OR SCHOLARSHIPS?

PART B

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH STUDENT PARTICIPATED IN WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL, SUCH AS ATHLETICS, MUSIC, DRAMATICS, DEBATING, CLUB WORK, PUBLICATIONS, OR STUDENT GOVERNMENT. INDICATED ANY LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

LIST PERTINENT OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (E.G., CHURCH, SCOUTING, JOBS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ETC.)

PART C

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN _____ AGES _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN (NOT INCLUDING THE APPLICANT) IN COLLEGE NOW? _____

IF SO, HOW MANY? _____ WHEN WILL THEY GRADUATE? _____

ARE THEY RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS? (IF YES, SPECIFY DONOR AND AMOUNT)

TOTAL JSC ANNUAL SALARY: _____

ANNUAL SALARY OF SPOUSE: _____

OTHER ANNUAL INCOME: _____

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AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH ANNUALLY:

IS STUDENT APPLYING FOR ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS?

IF SO, WHICH ONES AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS?

HAS STUDENT ALREADY BEEN AWARDED ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS? (IF YES, SPECIFY DONOR AND AMOUNT)

PART D
PERSONAL GOALS

IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW, TELL WHY YOU ARE MOTIVATED TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND HOW YOU HOPE TO UTILIZE YOUR DEGREE AFTER YOU GRADUATE. (MINIMUM 300 WORDS)