

High School Aerospace Scholars: Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible?

Applicant must be:

- U.S. citizen
- Texas resident
- Texas high school junior
- Committed to the ten-month program duration, including a virtual summer experience
- Able to access the Internet (home, school, or public library)

Can students currently enrolled in homeschool, online, charter, etc., schools qualify for the program?

Students enrolled in our program can attend any type of school, including homeschool, public, private, charter, and online schools, as long as the school is based in the state of Texas. Proof of enrollment may be requested.

What if I don't meet the eligibility criteria?

Due to funding, High School Aerospace Scholars participants must be U.S. citizens and Texas high school juniors. Students who are not U.S. citizens or Texas high school juniors are encouraged to visit the [NASA Office of STEM Engagement](#) website to explore a full list of opportunities and resources.

How do I apply?

Check the splash page for information about future application cycles. Visit the [HAS Opportunity Page](#) to apply now for the 2025-2026 cycle.

Who do I contact about my application?

Email hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov for all questions about your application.

What are the transcript requirements?

Transcripts should verify that the student is a current Texas high school junior. Transcripts may also show completion of the sophomore year. Unofficial transcripts are accepted. Please upload a copy of the transcript to your application on the NASA STEM Gateway.

What do I need to do to be nominated by the state legislature?

The HAS team will share the essay from your STEM Gateway application with state legislators to coordinate your nomination. Please ensure your essay captures your interest in HAS in a concise and professional manner. No additional action is required from students.

What happens after I submit my application?

Award notifications of application acceptance will be sent at the end of September via email from hq-nasa-stem-gateway@mail.nasa.gov. You must accept this offer. Once accepted, a notification about logging in to the online course and student orientation will be sent via email from jsc-has@mail.nasa.gov.

What is the timeline?

- **July – September:** Application and selection process for students
- **October – March:** 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 **virtual** experience
- **Early June:** Virtual summer experience – Moonshot
- **Late July:** Onsite residential experience for the top scoring Moonshot teams

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

Summer Experience: Students achieving a 70 percent or greater overall average will 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 or educators involved in the program.

What course is the science elective credit?

Based on the developed Engineering Design and Problem Solving course by the Texas Education Agency, students who perform research in high school under the direction of trained professionals may be granted a science elective credit toward graduation upon completion of HAS. The PEIMS number available is: 13037300 for Engineering Design and Problem Solving.

How do I get the science elective credit?

Students who qualify for the science credit can expect to receive a credit in the mail following the conclusion of the program cycle. Students who complete only the online portion of the course will receive documentation for 0.5 science elective credit. Students who successfully complete both the online portion of the course and the Moonshot summer virtual experience will receive documentation for 1 science elective credit. The elective credit documentation will be provided to the student. The student is then responsible for submitting the documentation to the school. **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.

Are there additional student resources?

- [HAS Information Session](#)
- [Student Internship Opportunities](#)
- [NASA Office of STEM Engagement Opportunities](#)
- [NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars](#)