

# Astronaut Scholarship Foundation

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO FACULTY MEMBERS FOR NOMINATING ASTRONAUT SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SCHOLARS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH

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

Students nominated for the Astronaut Scholarship should be highly motivated, focused in their academic objectives and possess intellectual daring. Students should be nominated by a professor at their institution who knows the student very well.

Because the junior and senior years are critical times of professional maturation, ASF restricts its award to students enrolled at these levels. 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 may be considered.

### **Nominee Requirements/Eligibility:**

- Be a U.S. citizen (birth certificate, U.S. passport or naturalization papers required).
- Be a junior or senior at the time the scholarship begins.
- Have completed two years of full-time study at the ASF-supported/nominating school.
- Major in Natural or Applied Science, Engineering or Mathematics (biomedical research students are eligible, however, pre-med are not).
- Maintain full-time student status during both terms of the ASF-supported academic year.
- Have conducted a considerable amount of research in their specific field.

### **Submission Guidelines:**

- The nominating faculty member should complete the scholarship nomination form with assistance from the nominee.
- Two nomination letters from faculty members (one from the nominating professor) **at the student's institution** must be submitted to the Foundation, including details on research achievements/endeavors.
- Students must compose and submit a short statement of personal interests, activities, hobbies and goals, not to exceed one page of 12 point type. The narrative letter supporting the nomination form should give examples of the involvement and commitment of the student to their studies beyond the formal classroom setting as shown on the transcript. Creativity is an important attribute, and should be documented.
- A current official transcript must be submitted.
- Students must submit a 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 be screened by the institution's regularly sitting scholarship committee or its equivalent and two nominations will be submitted to the Foundation by **February 27, 2015.**

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation retains the right to reject any and all nominees at its sole discretion. ASF's Scholarship Committee will make the final selection to be approved by ASF's Board of Directors. Questions may be directed to the Astronaut Scholarship liaison at the applying school.