



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (AFA)

U.S SPACE & ROCKET CENTER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

The Air Force Association (AFA) is an independent nonprofit organization that openly and strongly supports the United States Air Force, and the need for aerospace power as a strong factor in our nation's defense. One of our missions is to support the total Air Force family and promote aerospace education. In concert with AFA's Air Museum Initiative, AFA has partnered with the U.S. Space & Rocket Center (USSRC) in Huntsville, Alabama. The USSRC opened its doors in 1970 in Huntsville, Alabama. In addition to the museum and other facilities, the USSRC conducts three STEM-related camps.

- Space Camp: Dr. Wernher von Braun, then director of the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, suggested there should be an experience for young people who were excited about space and in 1982 Space Camp was born. Space Camp operates year-round, using astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world application of STEM subject while training in simulators like those used by NASA.
- Aviation Challenge: Established in 1990, the curriculum is based on actual military fighter and test pilot training and includes flight simulators, land and water survival, escape and evasion, flight planning, aerodynamics, navigation, and history of aviation.
- Robotics Camp: The newest of the USSRC's camp was started in 2013. Here, robotic trainees engineer robots of the future, test air, land, and sea robots.

Since opening its doors in 1980, over 700,000, from all 50 states and 64 international locations have attended one of the three camps. There are even camps for trainees who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, and those having other special needs. For more on the camps and requirements go to <http://www.spacecamp.com>

Thanks to the generosity of the New York State AFA organization, AFA is proud to sponsor a scholarship to attend one of the three USSRC camps.

Guidelines for Applying

- Open to dependents of any Enlisted Airmen (USAF active duty, Air National Guard, or Air Force Reserve) that (as of 1 June 2016) are at least 12 years old and not older than 14 years old.
 - The enlisted Airman does not need to be a member of AFA for their dependent to apply.
 - AFA elected chapter officers (at the local, state, or national level) and their immediate family members are not eligible.
- The application package must be submitted **no later than 20 May 2016**:
 - AFA US Space & Rocket Center Scholarship Application form (on the following page)
 - A one-page narrative (typed or hand) written by the student describing why they wish to attend one of the USSRC camps. In addition, the narrative should include any special awards or recognitions, along with any other extracurricular activities or community service the student performs.
 - The AFA Scholarship Committee will make their subjected selection based upon the student who best epitomizes the U.S. Air Force Core Values:
"Integrity First – Service Before Self – Excellence in All We Do"
 - A letter from the parent acknowledging that they are responsible for all travel costs.
- **DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS 20 May 2016. Package must be received either electronically or hard-copy by midnight on 20 May 2016. For more information contact the Alabama AFA State President at email: LeweyRV@Yahoo.com or by phone: 256-425-8791.**
 - Electronically – LeweyRV@Yahoo.com
 - Hard Copies: Alabama AFA State President
1207 Rison Ave. NE
Huntsville, AL 35801

The Scholarship Recipient will be notified by phone NLT 31 May 2016.



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Student Name (Last, First Name)		Parent/Guardian Name (Last, First Name)	
Mailing Address:		Parent /Guardian Military Status Military Rank	
Age Date of Birth		Parent/Guardian Assigned Installation	
Parent Email (optional)		Parent/Guardian Phone Number	
<p>Applicants must complete and forward the following to the address and must be received no later than 20 May 2016. Application package must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This AFA USSRC Scholarship Application Form• A one-page narrative (typed or hand) written by the student describing why they wish to attend one of the USSRC camps. In addition, the narrative should include any special awards or recognitions, along with any other extracurricular activities or community service the student performs.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– The AFA Scholarship Committee will make their subjected selection based upon the student who best epitomizes the U.S. Air Force Core Values: <i>“Integrity First – Service Before Self – Excellence in All We Do”</i>.• A letter signed by the parent or guardian acknowledging they have the responsibility for making all travel arrangements for their dependent to get to and from the USSRC.• Email or mail package to Email: LeweyRV@Yahoo.com Mail: Alabama AFA State President 1207 Rison Ave. NE, Huntsville, AL 35801			
<p><i>I certify that the information submitted as part of this package is truthful and accurate.</i></p>			
Parent/Guardian Signature			