



Nomination Criteria

Candidates for the Astronaut Scholarship:

- Must be attending an ASF affiliated university, college, or institution
- Must be nominated by faculty
- Must be a STEM major going into junior or senior year ([see approved academic program listing](#))*
- Must be a United States citizen (proof of birthright or naturalization via birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport)
- Must be a high-performing academic achiever
- Must have conducted a considerable amount of work outside the classroom in their chosen field of study
 - This may include:
 - Laboratory research
 - Cooperative education
 - Internships
 - Relevant military experience
 - Entrepreneurial endeavors
 - Documented independent work resulting in technical papers, patents, or similar work product
- Must be a full-time student during academic year scholarship is applicable

*Special consideration is NOT given to aeronautical/astronautical engineering students or those intending to pursue careers as astronauts.

Submission Requirements

Nomination Package must include:

- proof of citizenship
- personal statement (one page maximum)
- two letters of recommendation (one letter must be by the nominating faculty member familiar with student's work outside of classroom)
- current transcripts
- current resume or CV

Renewal Nomination Submission Requirements

Renewal nomination package must include:

- personal statement - update on efforts (one page maximum)
- supporting letter from the original nominating professor or faculty member summarizing the scholar's accomplishments during the past year
- current transcripts
- current resume or CV

Key Dates

December 2, 2024

Call for Nominations sent to liaisons/universities and nomination portal activated

March 17, 2025

Nominee pool data due to ASF from liaisons via online form (minimum of eight submissions)

March 31, 2025

FINAL Nominations due to ASF from liaisons (nominee packages uploaded via web-based form)

April 2025

ASF Scholarship Selection Committee convenes

May 2025

2025 Astronaut Scholars selected

Late May 2025

Students and schools notified of selections and invited to Innovators Symposium & Gala (August 2025)

June 2025

Call for Astronaut Scholar research abstracts for Scholar Technical Conference during Innovators Symposium & Gala (August 2025)

July 2025

New Astronaut Scholar welcome call

Mid-July 2025

Abstracts due for Scholar Technical Conference

August 2025

Innovators Symposium & Gala in Houston, TX, Scholars and liaisons invited to attend



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