



ASMDA 2024 U.S. Cyber Academy Scholarship Application

Student's Name (First MI Last): _____

Student's Age as of 31 August 2024 (12 to 14 only): _____

Student's DOB: _____

Student's Gender _____

If currently married, please fill out both. If single or divorced, fill out only one. If legal guardian, fill out as Parent One.

Parent One's Full Name (First MI Last): _____

Parent One's Contact Info (Phone Number and Email):

Parent One's Employer: _____

Parent Two's Full Name (First MI Last): _____

Parent Two's Contact Info (Phone Number and Email): _____

Parent Two's Employer: _____

Mailing Address (location which to mail Space Camp application if selected)

Street/Apartment: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (with Area Code). Home: _____

Contact Email: _____

Please attach the following items:

- 1) Copy of the child's most recent school report card. If home schooled, include a letter of courses taken and grades achieved.
- 2) A short (3-5 paragraphs, 500 words) hand-written essay prepared and written solely by the child applying for the Space Camp Scholarship on one of the following topics:
 - Why is the recent advancement of Artificial Intelligence significant?
 - Pick a recent data breach or hack that has been in the news; write about what threat actor conducted the attack, how they accomplished the attack, and what could have possibly been done to prevent the successful attack.
 - Why is it important for a company or individual to have backup and recovery for important data?
 - What does cybersecurity mean to you, and what are the biggest threats to the field?
 - Do you think your phone/tablet/computer is able to be compromised? Why or why not?
 - How important do you think keeping software up to date is? Give examples and reasons why.
 - Why is cybersecurity important for (pick one)
 - national security,
 - health care,
 - banking, or
 - critical infrastructure?

Please sign and return this completed form, along with the hand-written Space Essay and a copy of your child's most recent report card. Only completed application packages will be reviewed.

Submit by email at skate@cyberhuntsville.org or mail to:

Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus

ATTN: Sydney Watson, ASMDA Cyber Scholarship,

345 Voyager Way Huntsville, AL 35806

Questions concerning scholarships can be directed to Sydney Watson at sydney.k.watson@saic.com or 256-665-1280.

All applications must be received no later than 1700 hours on Wednesday, 31 July 2024. The ASMDA Scholarship Committee plans to send scholarship notifications in mid August.

I certify that the information on this application is correct, the report card is an accurate copy of my student's performance for the current school year, and the attached essay is the sole work of my student. I acknowledge my willingness to have my student attend the U.S. Cyber Academy, and that I must deliver the student to the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL on Sunday, 29 September 2024, and pick them up on Friday, 4 October 2024. I additionally acknowledge that I must cover all travel-related expenses, but housing and food expenses while my student participates in Cyber Academy are included in the scholarship.

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)