



# ASMDA 2026 Space Camp Scholarships



ASMDA Space Camp Scholarship Class

**When:** Sunday, 28 June 2026 – Friday, 3 July 2026

**Where:** Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Alabama.  
See [www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com) for more information.

**Who:** Any child, age 9-11, of a parent or guardian currently assigned to SMDC, JFCC IMD, PAE Fires, AMCOM, DEVCOM AvMC, MSIC, NASA Marshall, Space Force & MDA. Military, government civilian, including matrix personnel, and contractors working for corporate members of ASMDA can apply. Visit our webpage at [www.ASMDA.org](http://www.ASMDA.org) and click on [Corporate Members](#). Military and government personnel must apply for free membership to ASMDA to be eligible.

**Selection Criteria:** Essay, school grades, interest in science/space, location (goal of 2 HSV, 2 COS, 2 Kwajalein, 2 Alaska, and 2 Other), and financial need

**Scholarship includes:**

- One week at Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL (28 June – 3 July)
- Round-trip airfare and unaccompanied minor fee (if required)
- Transportation to and from Huntsville airport to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (if required)
- Space Camp Flight Suit

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## ASMDA Space Camp Scholarships Available

for 28 June – 3 July 2026!

***1 May 2026 Application Deadline!***

(Adapted from an article previously published in *The Eagle*)

The Air, Space, and Missile Defense Association (ASMDA) is offering scholarships for selected children to attend a one-week Space Camp this summer at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. These scholarships are open to any child, age 9-11, of a parent or guardian (no grandchildren unfortunately) currently assigned to SMDC, JFCC IMD, PAE Fires, AMCOM, DEVCOM AvMC, MSIC, NASA Marshall, Space Force & MDA (military or civilian), including matrix personnel, and those that are contractors working for these agencies and are corporate members of ASMDA. Government and military personnel must apply for free membership to ASMDA to be eligible.

The ASMDA scholarship includes one week at Space Camp, round-trip airfare to and from parent's work location for child (unaccompanied minor fee paid), and Space Camp flight suit.

"We are very excited about the opportunity we are offering our military and employees of the ASMDA community," said Mr. Cole Kupec, President of ASMDA. "The ability to provide this wonderful experience to young children who probably would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend is very rewarding."

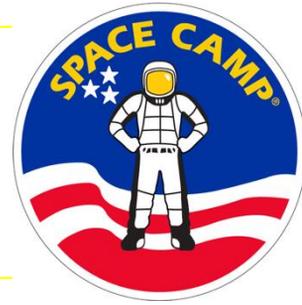
**The timeline for receiving applications and awarding this summer's ASMDA scholarships is very tight, and we therefore cannot accept applications after the deadline of 1 May 2026.** Our goal is to notify the winners starting on by late May. Immediately following selection and acceptance, we will send an information package and begin making flight reservations, if applicable. Once selected by ASMDA, winners will be required to provide an attendance application (including a summer camp physical) to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. ASMDA Scholarship Application Forms are included in this package and are available on our website at [www.ASMDA.org](http://www.ASMDA.org).

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**For more information about the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp Program, visit their website at [www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com). First, click on *Ages: 9-11*; second, Under *Space Camp*, click on *Learn More*. The extensive information provided on the website should answer most questions concerning Space Camp. To learn more about ASMDA, visit our website at [www.ASMDA.org](http://www.ASMDA.org).**



**ASMDA Space Camp Scholarships  
2026 Application  
28 June - 3 July 2026  
Must be received by 1 May 2026!**



Child's Name (First MI Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age as of 28 June 2026 (9 to 11 only): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birth date (Example: 1 May 2015): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Sex (Male/Female): \_\_\_\_\_

If currently married, please fill out both. If single or divorced, fill out only one. (If legal guardian, fill out as Father/Mother. Sorry no grandchildren)

Father's Full Name (First MI Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Job title (Example: Engineer): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Military Grade (Example: E-6) or GS rating (Example: GS-7): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name (First MI Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Job title (Example: Engineer): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Military Grade (Example: E-6) or GS rating (Example: GS-7): \_\_\_\_\_

My child qualifies for the ASMDA Space Camp Scholarship because mother | father | guardian (circle one) works for the following ASMDA supported organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Space Force \_\_\_\_\_ SMDC  
 \_\_\_\_\_ SMDC/ Co Springs \_\_\_\_\_ JFCC-IMD \_\_\_\_\_ MDA \_\_\_\_\_ NASA Marshall \_\_\_\_\_ MSIC  
 \_\_\_\_\_ PAE Fires \_\_\_\_\_ FA 40/Space Enabler \_\_\_\_\_ AMCOM \_\_\_\_\_ DEVCOM AvMC

AND: is an ASMDA Member (free to government, apply online, [www.ASMDA.org](http://www.ASMDA.org))

OR: if contractor, works for a corporate member of ASMDA (check website for listing)

Corporation \_\_\_\_\_

ALL: Work Location \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (location of child/where to mail Space Camp application if selected)

Street/Apartment: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (with Area Code). Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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) For government or military, attach the free AMSDA membership application, available on the website (asmda.org) or indicate that you are already a member. Membership to ASMDA is free to government and military personnel. For contractors, check to see if your company is a corporate member (corporate membership information is also available on our website).
- 3) A short (300-600 words) HAND-WRITTEN essay prepared and written solely by the child applying for the Space Camp Scholarship on one of the following topics:
  - Why should people go to Mars?
  - Should we send dogs or animals to space?
  - What will future spacecraft look like?
  - What experiment would you like to conduct in Space?
  - If you could talk to an astronaut (present or past), with whom would you talk and what would you ask?
  - Should there be "space tourists"? Why or why not?
  - What's better: sending people into space or sending robots into space?
- 4) Statement of any financial need, if applicable.

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 (The Scholarship Committee will only review complete application packages). Submit: by mail: Radiance Technologies ATTN: Chelsea Surles, ASMDA Space Camp Scholarships, 310 Bob Heath Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 or email [chelsea.surles@radiancetech.com](mailto:chelsea.surles@radiancetech.com). Questions concerning ASMDA scholarships can be directed to Chelsea at the email above or 256-932-2327.

**All applications must be received no later than 1700 hours on Friday, 1 May 2026.** The ASMDA Scholarship Committee plans to send scholarship notifications in late May, NLT 1 June.

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I certify that the information on this application is correct, the report card is an accurate copy of my child's performance for the current or recently completed school year, and the attached essay is the sole work of my child. I acknowledge my willingness to have my child attend Space Camp on 28 June - 3 July 2026 in Huntsville, Alabama. I understand that if selected and if air travel is required, ASMDA will pay the unaccompanied minor fee, but they will not pay to have my child accompanied on the airplane (except for OCONUS locations).

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(Signature)

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(Date)

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(Printed Name)