

**SPACE SHUTTLE MEMORIAL FUND
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Purdue University, *Touching Tomorrow Today*

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 8, 2015

Applicant Information Form

Academic Year 2015-16

RETURN APPLICATION TO: **DIVISION OF FINANCIAL AID**
Schleman Hall of Student Services, Room 305
475 Stadium Mall Drive
West Lafayette, IN 47907-1102
Email: dfa-schol@lists.purdue.edu

Instructions

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Any full-time student on the Purdue University, West Lafayette Campus, with demonstrated interest in the space program.

Please print or type this application and submit it to the Division of Financial Aid.

Personal Profile

Applicant's Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Home Address _____
Street Address (including suite/unit/apartment if applicable)

Phone _____
City State Zip

Student ID# _____
Area Code Phone Number

E-mail _____

Major _____ Anticipated Grad. Date _____ (Month/Year)

Class Status _____ Cumulative GPA _____ (4 point scale)
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other

Requirements

- Please describe your interests in the space program. Discuss how the space program will affect your future and how you as an individual might interface with or help our space program obtain its goals. Submit your prepared response with this application; limit your response to two, single-spaced pages.
- Provide a statement of recommendation from your adviser, professor or supervisor, concerning your experience or involvement in the space program (example: co-op supervisor, project leader or adviser for projects completed on campus pertaining to the space program, etc.). This statement may be submitted separately to the Division of Financial Aid.
- Complete the application certification below:

If I am selected for a scholarship, award or prize, I authorize Purdue University to release my name, major and hometown to the donor(s) and confirm that all criteria for selection were met Yes No

Student Signature

Date

SPACE SHUTTLE MEMORIAL FUND

On January 28, 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after takeoff killing the seven astronauts on board: Gregory Jarvis, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik, Francis Scobee, Michael Smith, and Christa McAuliffe, the first “teacher in space”. Purdue students, deeply affected, mourned with the rest of the nation.

Contributions from student organizations, alumni, and friends were used to establish the Space Shuttle Memorial Fund. As a living memorial, the fund will provide scholarships, in perpetuity, to Purdue students with demonstrated interests in the space program. Those interests need not be limited to scientific areas. They could include those who plan careers as astronauts, as technical experts in mission control, or even as writers and public relations specialist.

Historically, Purdue has had a strong relationship with the space program. Numerous alumni have been astronauts, another alumnus was trained in Houston as a finalist in the “teacher in space” program, hundreds of other Purdue alumni work there, and several Purdue experiments have gone into space with the shuttle. In fact, an experiment designed by a Purdue Student was aboard the Challenger on January 28. Many of today’s students, tomorrow’s alumni, will continue the tradition and will use their expertise to push forward the frontiers of space.