



## Nomination Criteria

Candidates for the Astronaut Scholarship:

- Must be attending an ASF-affiliated university or college
- 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, etc.
- Must be a full-time student during academic year scholarship is applicable
- Must have completed at least one year of full-time college study. Transfer students must have completed at least one semester of full-time study at their ASF-affiliated university.

\*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

## Key Dates

### December 1, 2025

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

### March 16, 2026

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

### March 30, 2026

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

### April 2026

ASF Scholarship Selection Committee convenes

### May 2026

2026 Astronaut Scholars selected

### Late May 2026

Students and schools notified of selections and invited to Innovators Symposium & Gala (August 2026)

### June 2026

Call for Astronaut Scholar research abstracts for Scholar Technical Conference during Innovators Symposium & Gala (August 2026)

### July 2026

New Astronaut Scholar welcome call

### Mid-July 2026

Abstracts due for Scholar Technical Conference

### August 2026

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



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