



# Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships

## ASTRONAUT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

<http://astronautscholarship.org/>

### What is the Astronaut Scholarship?

The Astronaut Scholarship, supported by more than 80 astronauts from across the history of the US space program, was created to ensure that the US would maintain its leadership in science and technology by supporting promising students in science and engineering. Each Astronaut Scholar receives \$10,000. Qualifying schools, including the UA, can nominate two students each year for this award.

### Who is eligible for the Astronaut Scholarship?

Astronaut Scholarship nominees must meet the following criteria (you do not have to be a student in the Honors College to be eligible to apply for this scholarship):

1. U.S. citizen.
2. Engineering, natural or applied science, or mathematics student who intends to pursue research or advance their field upon completion of their final degree(s).
3. Sophomore or junior.
4. Excellent grades.
5. Participating in lab and research work in their field.

### Who is competitive for the Astronaut Scholarship?

Successful nominees will have demonstrated initiative, creativity, and excellence in their chosen field. They will have stood out in the eyes of faculty members, enough to secure two strong letters of recommendation. Significant research experience is highly recommended, as is strong academic performance.

### What is the application process for the Astronaut Scholarship?

You must obtain the application materials from the ONCS. The application material is distributed to a university-wide committee, which will choose the two strongest candidates as the UA nominees. The nominees will receive feedback on their applications, along with further instructions. Typically, one of the two nominees will receive the Astronaut Scholarship. The UA has had Astronaut Scholars every year since 2011.



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What is the timeline for the Astronaut Scholarship?

- December – Application material available, nominators should email [oncs@arizona.edu](mailto:oncs@arizona.edu) for application components
- Early-February – Campus application deadline
- February – Nominees selected by a campus review committee
- Late March/Early May – Final deadline for nominees
- Mid-to-late May – Winners notified