

I would like to be selected to attend Space Camp because I love science, and all things related to outer space. I believe I would be a good candidate because I am an all-A student, am in my school's gifted program, and attended 6th grade math and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) classes while in the 5th grade last year. Mr. Dye, one of my recommenders, was my teacher for those classes. I have also worked on two special projects with my 6th grade math and science teacher this year, Mrs. Lavery, another one of my recommenders. These projects involved me creating a hydroelectric turbine to charge a battery, and using Tinkercad to create 3-D models for a City-X project. I have also been enrolled in Virginia Tech's Kids Tech University STEM program for two years.

I want to be an engineer for NASA, and attending Space Camp will help me work toward that goal. I attended Space Camp once before in the summer of 2014 with my own money. It was amazing and it really made me want a career in a space-related field. Now I want to go back to learn more but I cannot pay for it, so I am applying for this scholarship.

If I am selected, when I return from camp I will tell all my family and friends about my awesome experience. I hope to make some new friends while I am there, and hopefully we can keep in touch and talk about camp even after we return home. My teachers (especially my science teacher) would love to hear about my experiences, and I will share them with my classmates, too. I am a member of Boy Scout troop 46, and I would ask my troop leader if I may show my troop a power point about my time there. Most importantly, I can use what I learn to help me get closer to reaching my future goal.

As I said earlier, my future goal is to become an engineer for NASA because I have always liked outer space, building things, and solving problems. Getting the chance to go to Space Camp will really help me work toward that goal. I hope you will consider me for this opportunity to go to Space Camp.

Sincerely,
Michael Hijduk