**My name is Shivangi Desai and I believe I should be chosen as a recipient for space academy because I would like to learn about how astronauts survive and live in space and it is also a fun and educational opportunity for me. I would also like to know what it feels like to be weightless and sleep in space.**

**Being from an Asian country this camp will help me immerse a culture much different than mine. I think United States of America is a big and beautiful country. Attending a space would be a great privilege for me. I am honored to have my father serving in military. He serves because he is healthy and values the freedom of our country, not everybody can fulfill his or her dream to join defense services.**

 **One of my future goals is to become an astronaut. But first, I will need to graduate from school and then I will need to graduate from college. In college I would need to study math and science in order to become an astronaut. I would also need to know how to fly an airplane before I learn how to fly a spacecraft. Another one of my future goals is be a surgeon because it feels amazing to save someone from an illness. Another dream of mine is to be a dancer even though I don’t have formal training I hope to get a chance someday.**

**I believe in giving back to community and actively participate in every chance I get even though it is not very often. We have an association called NAWWA (Naval Wives Welfare Association) which are generous enough to conduct competitions like essay writing, debate etc.**

 **After the Space Camp the first thing I want to do is tell my teachers and parents about the experience. The second thing I want to do after Space Camp is telling my friends about how fun it was and hopefully inspire some to attend the space camp. After camp, I will know what it feels like to live in space, what it feels like to be at least half of my weight and how to fly a spacecraft if I become an astronaut. After the camp, I would like to use what I learned to help me achieve my future goal. Also after camp, I will know more about what it takes to become an astronaut**