

**Space Shuttle Memorial Fund Scholarship
Application for 2017-18
Purdue University, Touching Tomorrow Today**

Scholarship requirements:

- Full-time student on the Purdue University, West Lafayette Campus
- Demonstrated interest in the space program
- Include an essay describing your interest in the space program. Please limit your essay at least one to two pages. 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.
- Provide a 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, but please ensure the letter has your full legal name listed.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Full Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ Purdue Student ID# _____

Email: _____ Major: _____

Anticipated graduate date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Classification level for 2017-18 academic year:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other: _____

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: _____

Please return application and required documentation by email, fax or mail by January 31:

Division of Financial Aid
Schleman Hall of Student Services, Room 305
475 Stadium Mall Drive
West Lafayette, IN 47907-1102
Fax: 765-494-6067
Email: scholarshipdfa@purdue.edu

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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.