 

***Deer Valley Education Foundation***

***SPACE ACADEMY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP***

***2015-2016***

Thanks to a donation from ***GRAD’S PHOTOGRAPHY***, The Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) Space Academy Program will award scholarship(s) to winning 7th or 8th grade student(s). Scholarship(s) will fund tuition and travel expenses to attend Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama during the summer of 2016. Runners-up will each be awarded a Barnes & Noble gift card.

**CRITERIA:**

Interested 7th or 8th grade DVUSD student applicants must attach and submit an **original,** **typed, informative, well organized essay** in **500 to 1,000 words** telling us **“Why I Want to Attend Space Academy/Camp”**.

**Some information that may be included (but not limited to) can be your career goal; your personal interest in and experience with space, science, and/or math; what you know about space; and how you hope Space Academy/Camp may benefit your future life choices, plus some additional information the committee may want to know about you. Be sure your personality shines through!** The essay must be the student’s original work.

***Your essay MUST be accompanied by this cover page completed and signed in the appropriate places, and a letter of recommendation written by one of your current or past science or math teachers.*** Applications must be completed and submitted to your teacher. All essays are due to DVEF at the District Office by April 21st, 2016.

Your essay will be judged by an independent selection panel to become a finalist for a DVEF Space Academy Program scholarship. Finalists will then be scheduled for an interview with the selection panel. These interviews are scheduled on the early release day of May 6, 2016 at the District Office (20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix), and will be approximately 15 minutes in duration. Finalists will be notified of the results by DVEF. Finalists might be presented at a DVUSD School Board Meeting (20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix) tentatively in May.

Specific travel dates and other arrangements will be made between the parent/guardian of the selected student(s) and the DVEF office. Any questions can be directed to the DVEF office at (623) 445-5012 or (623) 445-5014.

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Student Name (please print neatly) Date of Birth

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School Grade Student’s Age on June 1, 2016

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Home Address City Zip

By signing below, I attest that the attached essay is my own original work.

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**Student’s Signature Date**

I/We, parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student submitting this application, are aware of our son/daughter’s intent to apply for a Space Academy Program scholarship through the DVEF Space Academy Program. I/We have read the above, and also give approval for our son/daughter to apply for the Space Academy Program scholarship through this program. I/We understand that this scholarship is to be used during the summer of 2016 at the Space Academy located in Huntsville, Alabama.

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**Parent/Guardian Signature Printed Name Date**

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**Parent/Guardian’s Contact Phone Number Parent/Guardian’s E-Mail**