

IDAHO JUNIORS MAY APPLY FOR AEROSPACE SCHOLARS PROGRAM THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(BOISE) – Idaho high school juniors will have the opportunity to take a special STEM class that could result in their having an opportunity to visit the NASA Ames Research Center next summer and meet top NASA scientists and engineers.

Registration will be open from September 1 - November 13, 2018, for the Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars program, a cooperative program of the Idaho State Department of Education and NASA. Once accepted into the program, students will sign up for the special IDLA on-line course with NASA developed curriculum and Idaho STEM content.

The course will be offered from January through May and students will receive one science elective credit for completing the class, which has a heavy emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Students may also register for two concurrent credits through Boise State University.

After completing the competitive NASA-developed course on space exploration, top students will be invited to attend a special week-long Aerospace Scholars Summer Academy at Boise State University next summer, which will include an all-expense-paid two-day trip to NASA Ames. Utilizing mentors and master educators at Boise State and Ames, the students will simulate development of a human mission to Mars.

After the course, students will have the opportunity to take part in a series of regional Capstone Celebrations that offer interactive, hands-on Idaho-based STEM activities and tours at various facilities, labs and sites that showcase the STEM resources and career opportunities at the state's colleges, universities and industries

To apply, students must:

- Be a U.S. citizen and Idaho resident.
- Be a current high school junior with an interest in STEM.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.7.
- Be at least 16 years of age by July 1, 2019.
- Commit to all aspects of the Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars program.
- Have internet access and e-mail (home, school, or public library).

For more information, please visit the department's ISAS program website at visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/isas/>