

## What is SALSA?

Space Academy® for Leading Students in Alabama is a scholarship program funded by the Alabama Legislature. Two Alabama students from each legislative district will be selected through an online application process to attend Space Academy in Huntsville. This program is for students ages 12 to 14. Once all of the applications have been received and graded, legislators will nominate their selections. This process connects legislators with their constituents and raises the awareness of the educational resources that are available to Alabama citizens through Space Camp® and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center®.



## Space Academy: Training Alabama's Future

During their weeklong experience at Space Academy, students will work together as a team to solve complex problems using STEM concepts and 21st century learning skills, learn to train like an astronaut using authentic simulators and embark on their own simulated space missions to the International Space Station, the moon and Mars.

At Space Academy, students will engage with Alabama's space legacy while learning about the subjects and careers they can pursue to become part of the future of science and exploration. According to a survey of Space Camp alumni: 64 percent take additional STEM courses after attending and 61 percent report entering a STEM field of study or career.

SALSA participants can choose to attend Space Academy from any week listed below at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center:

Week 39: June 22nd-June 27th Week 42: July 13th-July 18th Week 43: July 20th-July 25th



\*Previous SALSA winners are not eligible to apply.









## **PARENTS**

- 1. Please visit rocketcenter.com/salsa with your child to apply for a SALSA Scholarship.
- Learn more about Space Academy and how to prepare for the weeklong experience at rocketcenter.com/salsa. Applications open Nov. 6, 2024 and close on March 31, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
- 3. You will be notified by email in April if your student has been awarded a SALSA scholarship.
- 4. Previous SALSA winners are not eligible.
- 5. Applicants must live in Alabama to be eligible.
- 6. Students must complete the online application and school verification form to be eligible.

## **LEGISLATORS**

- Let your constituents and educators in your district know about SALSA.
- 2. You will receive regular email updates of the number of eligible applicants from your district.
- 3. Review your district's SALSA submissions.
- 4. Confirm your district's SALSA awardee name, or defer your selection to the US Space and Rocket Center's scholarship review team in APRIL by email to: salsa@spacecamp.com
- 5. Join us in July for graduation.











