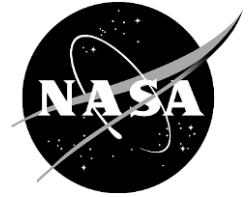


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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR NASA'S INSPIRE PROGRAM

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. – High school students in communities surrounding NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center are invited to participate in NASA's Interdisciplinary National Science Program Incorporating Research Experience (INSPIRE) Online Learning Community.

Applications are being accepted from May 3 (about 10 a.m. CDT) through June 30 (midnight CDT). NASA will make selections for the program in September.

Selectees will participate in an online learning community in which students and parents have the opportunity to interact with their peers and NASA engineers and scientists, including some from Stennis Space Center. The online community also provides appropriate grade level educational activities, discussion boards and chat rooms for participants and their families to gain exposure to the many career opportunities at NASA.

Students selected for the program will have the option to compete for experiences during the summer of 2010 at NASA facilities and participating universities throughout the nation. The INSPIRE program is designed to encourage ninth through 12th grade students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. The summer experience provides students a hands-on opportunity to investigate education and careers in those disciplines.

The INSPIRE project is part of NASA's education strategy to attract and retain students in the science, technology, engineering and math disciplines critical to NASA's missions.

For information about the program, visit:
<http://www.nasa.gov/education/INSPIRE>

To apply, visit:
<https://inspire.okstate.edu/index.cfm?liftoff=login.LoginForm>

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