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Dear High School Educators:

This letter is to inform 11<sup>th</sup> grade students of an opportunity that could lead to them spending a week at NASA's Johnson Space Center this summer.

Texas High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) is a unique program that encourages high school juniors from across Texas to explore the vast opportunities awaiting them in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. Today's workforce suffers from a shortage in these areas, but with your help we can work to improve the nation's pipeline.

HAS begins with an interactive, online learning experience and culminates in an all-expenses-paid visit to NASA's Johnson Space Center during the summer. During the week-long visit, student teams work with NASA scientists and engineers to compete in hands-on design challenges and design a mission to Mars. HAS is a great opportunity for juniors to explore the opportunities available to them, especially if they have an aptitude in math or science. School districts may also choose to allow students to receive a high school science elective credit towards graduation upon successful completion of the program.

The State of Texas, along with various community organizations, has partnered with NASA to support HAS. State senators and representatives from each district administer the selection process and ensure representation from around Texas. **Lodging, meals, and transportation to and from Johnson Space Center are provided at no cost to the student.**


### **How can you help?**

- **Please encourage students at your school to apply for the program** by visiting [www.has.aerospacescholars.org](http://www.has.aerospacescholars.org). The website includes detailed program information, the student application, important dates, and a downloadable poster to spread the word to classrooms about this unique opportunity!
- You can also learn more about the program by viewing the following videos:
  - [What Can You See](#)
  - [A Journey of Discovery](#)
- Get the word out to students on the morning announcements, in parent newsletters, in the school newspaper, and on your school's social media channels using the hashtag **#NASAHAS!**
- Spread the word to fellow math, science, and technology teachers to recommend it to their students.

Over 10,000 students across the state of Texas have participated in the HAS program, it serves as an educational and interactive learning experience for motivated high school juniors. If you have any questions, please contact us at [jsc-aeroscho@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:jsc-aeroscho@mail.nasa.gov).

Thank you for your support!

Cordially,

  
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