



## 2022 National Essay Competition

### Who is SpaceKids Global:

SpaceKids Global is a Florida based nonprofit, with the mission to educate and actively engage a national audience of elementary students in STEAM+ Environment activities, that inspire them to pursue careers in space exploration and technology.

### What is the National Essay Competition:

The SpaceKids Global 2022 National Essay Competition is a partnership between SpaceKids Global and ZERO-G experience. The essays will be a narrative of the students' quest for the stars and how a flight on ZERO-G would impact that. The purpose of the competition is to inspire kids from across the country to engage in space exploration and technology opportunities, with the goal of ultimately pursuing STEAM+ environmental industry careers. The competition is open to United States students ages 8– 12, enrolled in public, private, parochial or home schools. There will be two individual students selected as winners.

### Timeline:

National Essay Competition Launch	Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Deadline for submissions	Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. EST
Winners announced	Friday, May 6—National Space Day

### Rules and Regulations:

- Essays must be the original work of the student, and can be no fewer than 800 words and no more than 1,200.
- Essays should articulate the narrative of the students' quest for the stars and how a flight on ZERO-G would impact that, answering the question of "why I want to go to space." Essays can also include any person or event that inspired their interest in space, and school or extracurricular activities related to STEAM and space.
- Participants must be between the ages of 8 – 12, inclusive, and a legal resident of the United States.
- Students must be currently enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home school.
- Winners select the ZERO-G experience closest to their place of residence. Winners will arrive the evening before their experience in preparation for their flight the next day.
- The ZERO-G Experience must be used by December 31, 2022 or forfeited by the winner(s).
- Employees of ZERO-G and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

### Entry Submission:

All essay competition entries must be in a MS Word document format, 12-point font and submitted by email along with the signed parental/guardian consent form to:

[info@spacekidsglobal.com](mailto:info@spacekidsglobal.com) by Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

### Winners Prize Package:

- One (1) flight on the Zero-G Experience ® at the geographic location closest to the permanent residency of the winner
- Two (2) round-trip coach airfare tickets on the airline provided by SpaceKids Global
- One night stay hotel accommodations at the hotel provided by SpaceKids Global

**Judging Criteria:**

Submissions will be judged on showing imagination, passion, and human interest in the treatment of the theme. Successful entries will clearly express your ideas in an organized manner, and use correct grammar and punctuation. The top ten essays will advance to the final round of judging that will determine the two winners. All decisions of the judges are final.

**Participant Agreement:**

If selected as a winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian to travel to a ZERO-G experience location in the United States, located in the closest geographic location to my permanent resident. In consideration for permission to participate in the 2022 SpaceKids Global National Essay Competition, I do hereby, for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against SpaceKids Global and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the Competition and/or arising out of any travel related to the Competition. I further understand that SpaceKids Global retains non-exclusive rights to use and publish My Child's name, age, city, state, likeness, and essay in the promotion and marketing of the Competition and the organization, including but not limited to publication on its website, in press releases, social media programs, and in other media activities, without notice or compensation to me.

**Privacy Policy:**

SpaceKids Global collects your information for this competition and for SpaceKids Global partners. You may be signed up to receive updates or information from SpaceKids Global and our partners. You may receive a message from our sponsor(s) regarding their program offerings, with the option to opt-out. You will be notified if you are one of the two winners in May 2022. The names of the winners will be posted on the SpaceKids Global website in May 2022.

**Application must be completed by all contestants.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

## PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

To be completed by student's parent/guardian.

Parent/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this Parental Consent Form, I represent and agree that:

- I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (print full name of child) ("My Child").
- I grant consent for My Child to participate in the SpaceKids Global 2022 National Essay Competition ("Competition") and to accept the prize or prizes awarded to the winners.
- I have read the official Competition Rules, located at \_\_\_\_\_, and agree that My Child's participation in the Competition constitutes our understanding and acceptance of the Competition Rules.
- Neither My Child nor I will own any rights in the Competition or the Competition elements, or receive any monetary compensation for participating in the Competition.
- SpaceKids Global may use and publish My Child's name, likeness, and essay in the promotion and marketing of the Competition and the organization, including but not limited to publication on its website, in press releases, social media programs, and in other media activities, without notice or compensation to My Child or to me.
- I understand that SpaceKids Global is the owner of any essays submitted by participants in the Competition and all photographs, recordings, and other media related to the Competition.
- I hereby release, discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless SpaceKids Global and ZERO-G and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, successors and assigns from any liabilities, claims, demands, actions, suits, or damages (collectively, "Claims") arising from or related to My Child's participation in the Competition or to My Child's receipt or use of any prize awarded in the Competition (including any travel or incidental activities related thereto), or to the exercise of SpaceKids Global's rights under this release, even if those Claims are the result of the negligence of SpaceKids Global or ZERO-G.
- I confirm that I and My Child reside in the United States.
- I agree that Florida law governs this Parental Consent and the Competition, and that the state and federal courts in Orange County, Florida shall be the exclusive forum for any action arising out of or related to this Parental Consent or to My Child's participation in the Competition.

**THIS CONSENT FORM CONTAINS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. BY SIGNING THIS CONSENT FORM, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD ITS TERMS.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_