

Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.
P.O. Box 19652, West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Dear Palm Beach County High School Science Department Head or Counselor:

We are pleased to announce that the Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches is presenting an annual “Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Merit in Astronomy”. The award this year will be at least \$1000. It is our intention that it be presented to a junior or senior high school student who has demonstrated academic excellence, especially in the sciences, as well as an outstanding and active interest in astronomy. *We ask your help in getting this application into the hands of potential applicants in your school.*

As part of this package, an application form is enclosed. After completing the required student portion of the application, the applicant should submit the form to the science department chairperson or another faculty member, familiar with the applicant, who will complete the "Applicant Appraisal" portion of the application.

Deadline for submission of the application is February 1, 2009. Application submission must be via U.S. mail to the ASPB post office box. Candidates will be evaluated by a committee composed of ASPB members. A winner will be selected by April 15th, 2009. Shortly thereafter, the administration of the sponsoring school will be contacted and a check for the amount of the scholarship will be issued to the student recipient.

For further information on this scholarship award, please contact one of those listed below:

Thomas Sarko, Coordinator, Scholarship Committee, ASPB, (561)655-1188, ext. 163
Jay Albert, President, ASPB

PS: Check our website at <<http://www.palmbeachastro.org>> for information about ASPB.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. **"Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Merit in Astronomy"**

This \$1000 scholarship is to be awarded to a Palm Beach County high school junior or senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, with a significant interest and achievement in astronomy, and who plans to pursue an interest in astronomy (not necessarily college course work or a career) beyond high school. The award may or may not be made, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee of the Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches. It is the intention of ASPB that the award be presented at the school's commencement or awards ceremony. The winning applicant will also be awarded a year's membership in ASPB.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2009

FAXED OR E-MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Mailing Address for completed applications:

Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.
P.O. Box 19652
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33416
ATTN: Scholarship Committee

For further information about ASPB's Scholarship, please contact:

Thomas Sarko, Scholarship Committee Coordinator
Phone (561)655-1188, ext. 163
e-mail: tsarko@pbds.org

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PALM BEACHES, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT DATA (Type or print all Information, please)

NAME

Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone Number () _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___

Name of High School _____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN DATA

Father _____

Mother _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

POST-SECONDARY DATA

Declared (or intended) major _____

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend. List schools to which applications for admission have been sent, or to which applications are intended.

1st Choice School: _____

City _____ State _____ Accepted: Yes ___ No ___ Pending ___

2nd Choice School: _____

City _____ State _____ Accepted: Yes ___ No ___ Pending ___

3rd Choice School: _____

City _____ State _____ Accepted: Yes ___ No ___ Pending ___

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS (ASTRONOMY-RELATED OR OTHERWISE):

On a separate sheet, list all school activities in which you have participated during the past 3 or 4 years (e.g., astronomy club, student government, soccer, baseball, band, chorus, etc.). List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the past 3 or 4 years (e.g., public astronomy observing sessions, Red Cross, hospital volunteer, church work, etc.). Indicate all special awards, honors and offices held. Separate high school from community activities.

INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN ASTRONOMY:

On a separate sheet, please provide a short statement (several paragraphs) of current interest and accomplishments (if applicable) in the area of astronomy. Please indicate how astronomy may fit into your future life and/or career.

EXHIBITS

At your option, you may enclose any of the following items with your application:

- * articles, research papers, abstracts that were produced by the applicant;
- * astrophoto prints, slides, photos, or CCD images produced by the applicant;
- * sample observing sketches;
- * newspaper articles about your activities;
- * award certificates and commendations;
- * other documents or exhibits which you would like the judges to consider.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by the Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the property of the Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (This section is to be filled out by the high school science department chair or a faculty member familiar with the applicant). You have been asked to provide information in support of this scholarship application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements.

The applicant's choice of a post-secondary education program is:
___extremely appropriate ___very appropriate ___moderately ___appropriate ___Inappropriate

The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability:
___extremely well ___very well ___moderately well ___not well

The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:
___excellent ___very good ___good ___fair

The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and community is:
___excellent ___good ___fair ___poor

I know the applicant:
___extremely well ___very well ___moderately well ___not well

COMMENTS: (attach additional sheets if required)

The applicant currently ranks _____ out of a class of _____ students.

Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Appraiser's Business Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____