Space Foundation Discovery Center “ScholarTrips” presented by Battelle

Thanks to a generous gift from Battelle, the Space Foundation is offering Discovery Center Scholarships “ScholarTrips” to select schools to experience a field trip to the Battelle Underwater Drone Laboratory at the Space Foundation Discovery Center,

The Space Foundation Discovery Center, located in Colorado Springs, is the region's first and only space, science and technology attraction. A full complement of standards-bases courses are offered for PreK-12 students, which utilize the Discovery Center’s El Pomar Space Gallery, Battelle Underwater Drone Laboratory, Lockheed Martin Space Education Center featuring the AGI Space Missions Simulation and Mars Robotics Laboratories, and the Northrop Grumman Science Center featuring Science On a Sphere® (SOS).

Each Discovery Center Field Trip course is calibrated for a specific grade-level standard but may also be appropriate for a range of grades as noted in the eligibility requirements below. All courses meet Next Generation Science Standard (NGSS).

Who is eligible for the Battelle Space Discover ScholarTrips:

Grades 5–12 from Title 1 schools in the State of Colorado are welcome to apply.

What the ScholarTrip provides:

The Space Foundation's Underwater Drone Laboratory provides a unique underwater experience in our Mission to Europa exhibit. The 120-minute Space Education Specialist led, hands-on mission in a simulated ocean terrain offers a chance for participants to maneuver underwater drones to complete mission objectives in teams of three or four.

This activity uses underwater drones to simulate a lifelike mission to the underground oceans of Jupiter's moon Europa to:

- Teach communication and collaboration skills
- Hone creative problem-solving skills
- Increase team engagement
- Deliver a hands-on component to lessons about water and space exploration
- Develop interest and skills in biology, space science, and robotics.
Each scholarship includes:

- Field Trip admission fee of $10 per student for a minimum of 15 and maximum of 30 students.

- One free teacher/chaperone for every 15 students; additional adults/chaperones are $5.00 each. Schools should keep adults to a minimum while adhering to their district policy.

- A subsidy for bus costs up to $200. Following the field trip, each school will need to provide an invoice or recap report from the school’s transportation department to the Space Foundation Discovery Center. Transportation invoices must be submitted by February 1, 2022 or awarded subsidy will be forfeited.

How to apply:

Schools/Educators interested in applying for this scholarship opportunity must complete and submit the Space Foundation Discovery Center Battelle Scholarship Application form along with a brief essay describing how such an opportunity will benefit the educators’ students.

Please apply at www.discoverspace.org/education/scholarships

ScholarTrips are available to grades 5 -12 to experience a Mission to Europa Field Trip; however, each scholarship class must consist of students from the same grade level as courses are tailored to be grade appropriate. Educators may apply for more than one scholarship for different classes/grade levels that they work with.

Each application must be approved by either the school principal and/or a district administrator. Educators agree to provide a pre/post field trip evaluation.

Schools/Educators/Students should be made aware that this generous opportunity has been made possible by Battelle Memorial Institute. Although not required, at the conclusion of the program we encourage each teacher to have their class write notes of thanks that the Space Foundation will forward on to charitable community partners.

Scholarship Timeline:

- Application opens: Week of August 2, 2021
- Application deadline: 5:00pm, Friday, September 17, 2021
- Decision Notification: Week of September 20, 2019
- Awarded Field Trips conducted: September 27– December 17, 2021

Please email all scholarship questions to SFDCReservations@SpaceFoundation.org