Thanks to a generous gift from the Lockheed Martin Corporation, the Space Foundation is offering Discover Scholarships (ScholarTrips) to select schools to experience a virtual or in-house field trip to the Lockheed Martin Space Education Center at the Space Foundation Discovery Center. These field trips include a session in the Mars Robotics Laboratory.

The Space Foundation Discovery Center, located in Colorado Springs, is the region's first and only space, science and technology center. A full complement of standards-based courses are offered for PreK-12 students which utilize the Discovery Center’s El Pomar Space Gallery, Battelle Underwater Drove 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 Lockheed Martin Discover ScholarTrips:

Grades 4–12 local and nationwide, are welcome to apply.

What the ScholarTrip Provides:

A “Robotics Exploration Mission,” consists of a 120-minute Space Education Specialist-led, hands-on mission. Students engaging in this mission will work in teams to complete mission objectives, programming, and operating LEGO EV3® robots on our simulated Martian terrain. These missions will improve students' teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills as well as enhance math, technology, and engineering proficiency.

- Offered virtually or at the Space Foundation Discovery Center

Each scholarship includes:

- Virtual Field Trip admission fee of $375 for a maximum of 15 students.

    OR

- Discovery Center Field Trip admission fee of $10 per student with a minimum of 15 and a 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 $150. 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 Lockheed Martin Scholarship Application** form along with a three-paragraph essay describing how such an opportunity will benefit the educators’ students.

Apply online at: [www.discoverspace.org/education/scholarships](http://www.discoverspace.org/education/scholarships)

Scholarships are available to all grades 5-12 to experience a **Robotic Exploration Mission either virtually or at the Discovery Center**; however, each scholarship class must consist of students from the same grade level as courses are tailored to be grade appropriate.

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 the Lockheed Martin Corporation. 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 Lockheed Martin.

**Scholarship Timeline:**

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

Please email all scholarship questions to SFDCReservations@SpaceFoundation.org