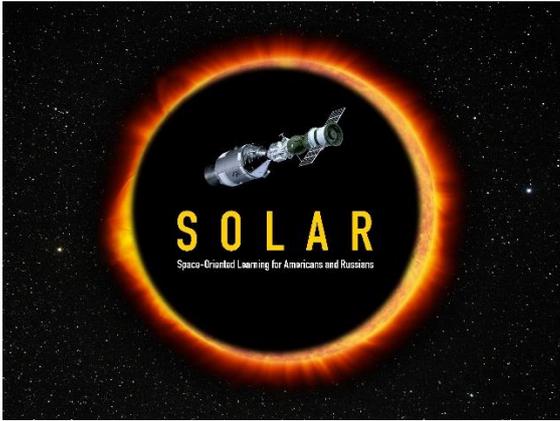


## Factsheet

### SOLAR: Space-Oriented Learning for Americans and Russians Program



Our Program is dedicated to the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo-Soyuz docking and the 'handshake in space', which took place on July 17, 1975 between Soviet Cosmonaut Alexey Leonov and American astronaut Thomas Stafford.

The aim of the Program is to foster greater understanding and friendship between American and Russian youth, encourage American and Russian teenagers to learn about space exploration and promote cultural, STEM, and engineering opportunities.

*The Program is funded by the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.*

#### Applicants should meet the following requirements:

- a citizen of the United States
- be 15-17 years old
- has no prior extended experience in Russia
- able to travel for 6 weeks during July-August of 2020
- able to provide parents' or guardians' consent document that permits international travel

#### Applicants are required to submit the following as part of the application process:

- completed Application Form online
- recorded Video Essay
- two recommendation letters from teachers

The deadline for submission is February 23, 2020.

#### The Program's finalists will:

- participate in various activities at a number of historically important aerospace sites in the United States and Russia
- take part in the space camp in Huntsville, Alabama
- take part in the space and engineering camp in Russia

The Program will run from July 1 until August 7, 2020 in the United States and Russia.

#### The Program will cover:

- air travel to and from participants' home city to Washington, DC
- round-trip international airfare and domestic air travel in the U.S.
- accommodation in the U.S. and Russia
- medical insurance to cover the period of the program, except for pre-existing conditions and dental care
- per diem in the U.S. and Russia
- visa application fee
- in-country transportation
- cost of any planned program activities in the U.S. and Russia

#### The Program will not cover:

- expenses related to obtaining an international passport and the parent's consent document that permits international travel
- personal expenses exceeding per diem
- extra luggage
- phone and internet expenses

#### The document to be provided by a parent (or a legal guardian):

Consent document that permits international travel.

Thank you for your interest in the Program!