I. Introduction and Overview

In a continuing effort to recognize outstanding contributions by K-12 formal and informal educators in the field of Educational Technology, the Astronauts Memorial Foundation (AMF) in partnership with the Space Foundation and NASA, is pleased to present the Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award.

The Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award rewards excellence in the development and delivery of technology programs. Programs which focus on aerospace and/or aeronautics will be given priority to other programs. Applicants must demonstrate how their programs ultimately benefit the students in a school or organization.

II. Eligibility and the Award

The Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award is open to all K-12 formal and informal educators from across the nation. The Award will be presented by AMF, the Space Foundation and NASA at the 36th National Space Symposium (March 30- April 2, 2019) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The winner will be flown to Colorado Springs, where hotel accommodations will be provided for 3 nights and 4 days (Sunday-Wednesday). The winner will receive a commemorative trophy with his or her name engraved and a monetary award of $1,000. In addition, the Award winner's name will be placed on a plaque honoring past recipients that is housed in the Center for Space Education at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

III. The Review Process

Applications will be reviewed in two stages. During the first stage, applications will be reviewed by AMF staff to select finalists for the Award. Each application will have multiple readers and will be evaluated according to how well the application addresses the criteria.

In the second stage, the Selection Committee will review and evaluate the finalists and select a winner based on the Selection Criteria.

IV. Selection Criteria

A Selection Committee of nationally respected leaders will select a winner based on the following categories.

Applicants must respond to all four categories. Each category will be worth 25 points, for a total of 100 cumulative points. The applicant who scores the most points will be the Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award Winner.
1. **Innovation: 25 Points**

Are your programs innovative?

*Innovative and imaginative programs should showcase creative solutions to new or old problems. Applicants should implement effective “out-of-the-box” programs to their school and/or district.*

2. **Excellence: 25 Points**

What are the results of your programs and why are they considered outstanding?

*Programs should produce a tangible result that emanates excellence. The applicant must also demonstrate how their programs ultimately benefit the students in a school or district.*

3. **Program Type: 25 Points**

Does your program deal with aerospace and/or aeronautics?

*Programs which focus on aerospace and/or aeronautics will be given priority to other programs.*

4. **Future Consideration: 25 Points**

What are your plans for the future to continue your programs?

*The Alan Shepard Award recognizes what you have done in the past year, but plans to continue or expand your current programs are also evaluated.*

V. **Guidelines for Completing the Application**

Please submit the following:

1. An Award Application.
   - The Application has three sections.
     a. Entry Form
     b. Demographic Profile sheet
     c. Check List (to reference and assist you in compiling your application).

2. An **abstract** of the key elements of the program (one page).

3. A clear **description and explanation of the program or service** and its outcomes for which you are seeking the Award (three pages).

4. Published curriculum material, software, photographs, etc. may also be included.
- Only applications submitted online or mailed to the address on the entry form accepted.
- 2020 Submissions must be postmarked or submitted online no later than January 10, 2020.
- The winner will be announced on this site.

Thank you for your interest in the Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award!

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