**2015 Space Systems AIAA Essay Contest**

### THE Dayton-Cincinnati and Columbus Sections of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS (AIAA)

### INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A

### Regional and National Annual Essay Contest For Students in Seventh and Eighth Grade THEME

### As a future space tourist, where would you go, and what would you do?

**REQUIREMENTS:**   
• Double-spaced, typewritten (size 12 font) essay, in 1000 words or less.  
• Student name, teacher name, grade, and school name must be written in the top right hand corner of the essay.  
• Please include person-in-charge contact information for notification.   
  
**JUDGING CRITERIA**   
a) Originality of ideas presented

b) Soundness of logic used to develop ideas

c) Realism of ideas presented

d) Quality of composition and clarity of expression

(Note: All decisions by the judges are final.)  
  
**PRIZES:** For each grade level, winners will be honored at the Spring AIAA Dayton-Cincinnati Section Annual Dinner, where they will receive a certificate of recognition, and a cash award.  
1st Place: $100 2nd Place: $50 3rd Place: $25

The local winners will be submitted to the national AIAA Space Systems Technical Committee contest, where the top student in each grade will be awarded $100, and their teachers will earn a $250 classroom grant. Winning students and teachers will be recognized by AIAA at the national level.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any seventh or eighth grader (or equivalent).

**DEADLINE:** All entries must be emailed to [essay.contest.aiaa@gmail.com](mailto:essay.contest.aiaa@gmail.com) no later than February 27, 2015 by 5:00 pm eastern time. All entries must be submitted in Microsoft Word format or pdf format.

An entry form can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2015-AIAA-Essay-Contest>

**QUESTIONS:** Email Barry Hellman: [essay.contest.aiaa@gmail.com](mailto:essay.contest.aiaa@gmail.com)

