

2025 GeoFORCE New Student Application

The following application is for the GeoFORCE Texas summer academy program for Summer 2026. This application is only for new students. Returning students need only to re-register once summer registration opens in February 2026.

GeoFORCE will be holding multiple Support Sessions to assist students on the application process before submitting. Sessions will be offered in-person and online.

Application Support Session Dates & Locations:

In-person

Houston: November 8th from 2-4pm at Houston Museum of Natural Sciences

Austin: November 15th from 10-12pm at Pickle Research Campus (Research Office Complex)

Virtual (<https://www.jsg.utexas.edu/geoforce/summer-academies/registration/>)

October 22nd at 6-7pm

November 12th at 6-7pm

December 6th at 1-2pm

December 22nd at 1-2pm

January 8th at 6-7pm

January 28th at 6-7pm

ROUND 1

Application Opens: October 1, 2025

Application Closes: January 31, 2026 at 11:59pm

ROUND 2 - If selected for an interview

Student Interviews: February 10 - 28, 2026

New Students Accepted: March 6, 2026

For this application, students must write their own responses. We ask that students do not use AI to generate answers. Parents and teachers may provide feedback but should not write the answers for their students. Students may also ask for feedback from the GeoFORCE staff during the above Support sessions. By using your own words, we will be able to fairly judge all applicants on your own merit. Violation of this will result in disqualification from the GeoFORCE Program.

Demographic data collected is used for programmatic purposes only. This data is not considered part of the student selection process for GeoFORCE Texas. This program does not give preference on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to an applicant or participant.

* Indicates required question

Untitled Section

1. Student First Name *

2. Student Last Name *

3. What is your race/ethnicity?

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* Check all that apply.

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Check all that apply.

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black
- ☐ Hispanic/Latine
- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Native American/Indigenous
- ☐ Other:

4. What is your sex?

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Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

5. Student Email Address *

* Provide a personal email that you regularly check. Please refrain from using a school email.

6. Primary Guardian Email Address *

7. Secondary Guardian Email Address (Optional)

8. What city do you live in? *

* If from a state other than Texas, please include the state.

9. What school do you currently attend? *

10. What grade are you currently in? *

Please note that GeoFORCE is only accepting applicants currently attending 8 - 10th grade.

Mark only one oval.

☐ 8th Grade

☐ 9th Grade

☐ 10th Grade

11. Do you have any family that has participated in GeoFORCE? If yes, please describe their relationship to you.
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12. Would you like to be considered for acceptance to our in-person traveling academy, virtual academy, or both? *

Note: The virtual academy also functions as an active waitlist for the traveling academy. If you choose not to participate in the virtual, you are refusing your potential spot on the waitlist. However, you may self-select to be considered for virtual only for any reason and will be judged separately.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Traveling Only
- ☐ Virtual Only
- ☐ I would like to participate in both
- ☐ I would participate in either

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13. What grades did you receive in your math courses and science courses last school year? *

* Example: 92 in Pre-Algebra, 87 in Honors 7th Grade Science

14. What grades are you currently receiving in your math courses and science courses this school year? *

* Example: 79 in Honors Algebra, 90 in Pre-AP Biology

15. Are there any special circumstances that negatively affected your grades?

16. What is your favorite subject in school and why? *

17. List any clubs, organizations, jobs, or sports teams you are involved in. This can include volunteer work or participating in science fairs or other events. *

18. Have you received any honors or awards? If so, when and for what?

19. Please upload a picture of last year's final report card. *

Files submitted:

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20. How would being in GeoFORCE impact your life? *

* Please answer in three to ten sentences.

21. What aspect of the geosciences is most interesting to you and why? *

Examples of the geosciences include: earth processes, rocks and minerals, energy (oil & gas or renewable), water resources, climate science, paleontology/fossils, geochemistry, marine science, planetary science, etc.

* Please answer in three to ten sentences.

22. Describe a time when you faced a challenge or adversity. How did you persevere or overcome it? *

* Please answer in three to ten sentences.

23. Is there anything else you would like us to know to fairly judge your application?

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