**American Rocketry Challenge (ARC) Grant Program**

**$2,000 in Funding for Eligible Non-Profits – funding to the organization**

The American Rocketry Challenge is the world’s largest rocket contest, with nearly 5,000 students nationwide competing each year. The contest gives middle and high school students the opportunity to design, build, and launch model rockets while gaining hands-on experience solving engineering problems.

The National Museum of the United States Air ForceTM (NMUSAF) looks to educate and inspire students via informal learning methods that complement formal learning acquired through institutions, educators, and students that influence academic and career achievements.

With funding generously donated by the Air Force Museum Foundation (federal endorsement not implied), we offer ARC grants to Title I schools, as well as homeschool groups, 4-H clubs, and Scout troops demonstrating financial need. These grants provide resources and initial funding to help launch a rocketry program.

ARC Grant recipients receive:

* Assistance in finding a National Association of Rocketry (NAR) mentor
	+ These mentors commit to helping your team with rocketry and will provide a deeper understanding of the career options in the aerospace industry
* A suggested list of materials
* Collaboration with the NMUSAF ARC team
* Launch opportunities with the NMUSAF ARC team

**Selection**: Grant selection will be based on both the order in which applications are received and the demonstrated financial need of the applying organization. Due to limited funding, priority will be given to those who clearly explain their need for financial assistance. All applications must be completed in full by the teacher/adult advising the team, with all questions answered in order to be considered. Grant applications will be selected and awarded on a rolling basis. You will be notified of your grant status a few weeks after applying. All applications must be submitted no later than August 24, 2025.

If selected as a grant recipient, you will need to register for the American Rocketry Challenge no later than 1 December 2025. In addition, you will be expected to meet with the NMUSAF team at least once per month on a Saturday -- either at the NMUSAF or at a Wright Stuff Rocketeers Launch. All participants will be asked to sign a photo release so that images can be used by both the NMUSAF and AFMF. At the end of the season, students will be asked to provide a short paragraph sharing how being a member of the ARC team has influenced their academic and career goals.

**Application:**

1. School/Organization Information

School/Organization Name

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State

Zip Code

1. Is your school a designated Title I school?

Yes

No

N/A

* 1. School Principal Information

Name

Phone Number

Email

1. Please describe your group’s financial situation and the specific challenges you face in funding a rocketry program. Include details such as limited funding sources, lack of access to sponsorships, or any other financial hardships that impact your ability to participate in the American Rocketry Challenge.
2. Supervising Teacher/Adult Information

Name

Job Title

Phone Number

Email

1. Please upload a copy of your organization’s W-9 form. Grants must be awarded to the organization not an individual.
2. Why does your school/organization want to be involved in Rocketry?
3. What obstacles has your school/organization faced while trying to get students involved in STEM?