

Dear Applicant:

The North Alabama Professionals Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NAL NSBE Professionals) invites 5th grade students to participate in our Creative Minds Poster Contest. NAL NSBE Professionals encourages and stimulates youth in the areas of math and science by offering programs and services that include scholarship endowment, tutorial programs, advanced study skills and more. In keeping with its objectives, NAL NSBE Professionals is providing the opportunity for young students to participate in a poster contest where the winners will receive a "Summer Science Fun Pack". The fun pack will include tickets to the US Space and Rocket Center, attendance to NSBE's Summer Engineering Robotics Camp in June 2018, and other prizes.

NAL NSBE Professionals will award Summer Science Fun Packs to each winner as selected by a panel of judges. We believe that this contest will become a time-tested tradition of NAL NSBE Professionals, giving us an opportunity to advance the importance of science and math among elementary students. The contest has dual purposes – to motivate today's young people towards creative thinking and to stimulate interest in science, math and other subjects that support technology.

The criteria for the Creative Minds Poster Contest are as follows:

- Complete and submit the Creative Minds Poster contest application. Applications must be postmarked by **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**. (*Create your poster, but do not mail!*)

The poster must address the topic:

Please design and illustrate on a poster how you would design a space vehicle that could get you to Mars. What would you include on your vehicle to enrich your experience?

- Participants must be students in the 5th grade (open to all schools)
- Presentations must be made on standard 22" by 28" poster board paper (any color)
- The student's name, grade, and school must be printed neatly in the top right corner on the back of the poster
- Posters must be created, developed, and verbally illustrated by the student
- Posters will be presented to a panel of judges prior to selecting a winner. If you are a finalist, you will be notified of the location, date and time to present your poster.
- No offensive messages (explicit or implied) based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, or sexual orientation
- The contest is limited to the first 50 applications received.
- The following are the judging criteria for the posters:
 - ORIGINALITY - uniqueness of thought (40%)
 - CONTENT - relevancy to topic, depth and accuracy of information presented (30%)
 - PRESENTATION - clarity of expression, quality of grammar, & neatness of presentation (30%)

The winning posters will be determined by a panel of objective judges. The decision of the judges is final. There will be 10 winners selected for the Creative Minds Poster Contest. Winners will also be recognized at the NAL NSBE Professionals 25th Annual Scholarship Banquet scheduled for **Thursday, March 8, 2018**.

There is no limit on the number of students that can participate from each school, church, or community organization. If there are any questions or concerns, you may contact Melissa Jackson at (256) 468-8867, Dr. Ebonee Walker at (256) 924-2504, or email nsbenorthalabamaae@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Jackson

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Scholarship Committee Chairperson
North Alabama NSBE Professionals

CREATIVE MINDS POSTER CONTEST APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Information				
Last:		First:		MI:
Address:				
City:			State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:		
Sex:		DOB:		
Ethnicity (mark with X):		Black: <input type="checkbox"/>	Caucasian: <input type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic: <input type="checkbox"/>
		Asian: <input type="checkbox"/>	Native American: <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
School Name:				Grade:
School Address:			Huntsville City <input type="checkbox"/>	Madison City <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you available to present your poster in front of a panel of judges? Circle one : (YES) or (No)			Madison County <input type="checkbox"/>	Private School/Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Parent/Guardian Information				
Last:		First:		MI:
Address:				
City:			State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:		

II. POSTER TOPIC AND RULES

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Poster Title
Brief Description of Poster

Your completed package must include:
1. Your completed application
2. A printed color photo of your completed poster with title

**Mail items to following address on or before
Tuesday, January 16, 2018.**

**North Alabama NSBE Professionals
Attn: Creative Minds Poster Contest
P. O. Box 949
Huntsville, AL 35804**

**DO NOT MAIL YOUR POSTERS – YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING AND PRESENT
THEM AT THE TIME OF YOUR INTERVIEW.**

I have completed this Scholarship application and do affirm that the information contained here is true and correct.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents Signature: _____ Date: _____