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HOW DO I BECOME AN ASTRONAUT?



Any adult man or woman in excellent physical condition who meets the basic qualifications can be selected to enter astronaut training. You are also required to hold citizenship of the USA.

Mission Specialists:

The minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree in engineering, science or mathematics from an accredited institution. Three years of related experience must follow the degree, and an advanced degree is desirable.

Pilot Astronauts:

The minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree in engineering, science or mathematics from an accredited institution.

Must have at least 1,000 hours of experience in jet aircraft and need good vision.

Competition is extremely keen, with an average of over 4,000 applicants for about 20 openings every 2 years. Successful applicants will be assigned to duties associated with the Space Shuttle or International Space Station.

Astronaut recruiting occurs periodically. For more information, write to:

**Astronaut Selection Office,
NASA Johnson Space Center,
Houston, TX 77058, USA.**

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