

Skynet Junior Scholars Commitment Form

Funded by the National Science Foundation, Skynet Junior Scholars is designed to engage youth in the study of the Universe using the same tools as professionals. In SJS, young people get to **be** astronomers, controlling world-class telescopes around the world to take images of celestial objects from near-by planets to distant galaxies. Youth who become Skynet Junior Scholars will learn valuable skills in problem-solving, math and communication as they complete Explorations.

Youth in your programs may participate in SJS after adult leaders complete an SJS professional development workshop. The workshops are designed for educators and youth leaders who are interested in engaging youth in astronomy enrichment activities for middle school and high school youth especially in out-of-school-time programs such as 4-H. The professional development workshop will provide practice in operating world-class telescopes, build confidence in leading astronomy activities, and supply the tools to guide your youth through an exploration of the Universe. To participate in a Skynet Junior Scholars workshop, you must lead a U.S. based program, work or volunteer for a U.S. school, or informal education facility or be a leader of a youth group or club in the U.S.

To be completed by SJS applicant

SJS expects you to:

- 1) participate fully in the online or face-to-face workshop which should require about 20 hours over the course of the workshop.
- 2) commit to engage 5-10 youth in an SJS Exploration within 6 months of completing your certification. This will include:
 - Obtaining permissions from parents and/or guardians for youth to participate in SJS.
 - Hosting face-to-face sessions with youth to share and discuss SJS activities;
 - Leading hands-on activities in a group setting with youth;
- 3) To provide SJS evaluators and researchers with feedback and respond to evaluation and research surveys.

I agree to the above list of expectations.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please submit to SJS Selection Committee:
astrosjs.staff@gmail.com , or send to NRAO,
PO Box 2, Green Bank, WV 24944, or Fax
304-456-2200

To be completed by your supervisor or institutional sponsor

Name of Supervisor _____

Title _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I hereby certify that _____
applicant

is authorized by my institution to run programs with youth, that he/she will be fulfilling the expectations listed at left, and that out-of-school programming he/she engages in will take place at our institution or locations sanctioned by our institution. I agree to inform SJS in a timely manner if this person's status with our institution changes.

I further stipulate that my institution has taken necessary actions to comply with the laws of my state regarding this individual working with minors. My institution agrees that Skynet Junior Scholars is not liable for any actions of the applicant that may cause harm or liability to SJS.

Signature of Supervisor : _____

Date _____

