



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Deadline approaching for ManSat scholarships to United Space School**

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Sixth-form students can win scholarships to represent the Isle of Man at the 2022 United Space School in Houston, Texas.

The annual United Space School takes place from July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> with the ManSat Group awarding up to three scholarships to Year 12 and 13 students in the Isle of Man.

The successful scholars will travel to Houston and work alongside peers from around the world to plan a space mission, with support from NASA astronauts, engineers, and scientists. The Space School is run by the Foundation for International Space Education (FISE).

The scholarships are awarded in cooperation with the Department of Education, Sport and Culture, with the first recipient, in 2000, being Dr Jennifer Stone, who is now Chief Technical Officer for ManSat.

Jennifer said: “ManSat has run this competition every year since 2000, with 44 Isle of Man students having attended Space School. Because of the pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 space schools were both held online. We hope the 2022 edition will be back in Houston, with a final decision on whether it will be held in-person or online to be made by the end of March.

“Usually, our scholarships are open to Year 12 students, but this year we are extending our competition to both Year 12 and 13 so that all sixth-form students will have had the opportunity to apply to go to Houston during their school career.”

This year’s scholarships will be awarded to the students who provide the best answers to these three questions:

*Question 1: Why are you interested in space?*

*Question 2: How do you think the Isle of Man can contribute to space exploration?*

*Question 3: Should humans return to the Moon before going to Mars? Please justify your answer.*



All three questions must be answered, and each answer should be between 500 and 1,000 words in length. The answers should be submitted in a single PDF file – `firstname-secondname-school.pdf` – and entries will be anonymised before judging takes place.

PDF entries need to be emailed to [education@mansat.com](mailto:education@mansat.com) and the deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm on Friday, 14 January 2022. Late entries will not be accepted.

The winners will be announced by Thursday 20 January 2022. ManSat covers travel, accommodation and school fees for each scholarship winner, with the students' families responsible for covering their ESTA and travel insurance.

For further information, please visit:

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<http://www.unitedspaceschool.org/united-space-school/>

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