

MDRS Crewmember Fees

Every participant is expected to pay \$1,000 to cover the costs of their 2-week simulation. Your crewmember fees are due six weeks before the start of your mission, or on the first day of the MDRS 2013-2014 season, whichever comes LATER.

Included in the participation fee you pay to The Mars Society is:

- transportation from Grand Junction, Colorado, where every participant is expected to arrive no later than the Friday night before the start of the rotation. You will travel by rental car. Your return trip to Grand Junction, CO, will be on the Saturday evening at the end of the two week rotation.

NOTE: Flying out should not be booked before Sunday morning after your rotation.

- All food and beverages during your time at MDRS
- Water, heating, electrical power at MDRS (except batteries)
- Use of science and engineering and general equipment, science reagents etc, ATVs, HabCar
- Use of EVA suits and EVA backpacks

Not included in the participation fee:

- Fuel for the trip from Grand Junction to MDRS and the return trip to Grand Junction. (160 miles one-way)
- Costs of two hotel nights for the overnight stay on **Friday night before** your rotation and **Saturday night after** your rotation. The Mars Society has an agreement for a competitive room rate in Grand Junction with the Sandman Best Western hotel. Sharing of hotel rooms is recommended. The Best Western room rate includes free breakfast and free Wi-Fi Internet, plus an airport shuttle to and from GJT Walker Airfield.
- Travel expenses from your home to Grand Junction and back.
- Meals not consumed at MDRS.

A limited number of grants are available from the Mars Society to qualified individuals to cover part of the fees:

A. **Matching funds grant** from The Mars Society: Anyone securing funding from a sponsoring educational institution will receive a matching grant from The Mars Society up to \$500.

B. **Student / teacher grants** of \$500.

In no case shall any participant receive more than \$500 in grant funding from The Mars Society.

To be eligible for either of these grants, a participant must be willing to present a minimum of 5 outreach activities or lectures over the next 12 months after his/her rotation about the MDRS project. Outreach events may include media interviews, preparation of newspaper or magazine articles, presentations or activities aimed at the public or conducted at educational facilities like schools, libraries, day care programs or museums, presentation of MDRS scientific results as scientific papers or at technical meetings, meetings with elected officials to discuss the exploration and development of space, or other ways of engaging students and the public to understand and support space exploration.

If you wish to be considered for these grants, apply by email to mdrsapplications@gmail.com
Provide a plan for your outreach activities. If you are applying for matching funds, include a statement of funding support from your sponsoring institution (e.g. a PDF of a signed letter from an institutional official on institutional letterhead). If you are applying for a teacher/student grant, please provide evidence of student or educator status and a brief (150 word) statement of financial need.

An example of an outreach plan:

March 2014: BSA Troop 2, Ithaca, NY, scoutmaster Jerry Northside, jery@foo.org,
MDRS slideshow

April 2014: Yuri's Night, Tompkins Cortland Community College: Organize a Mars theme party for Yuri's Night. Invite NY Space Grant director, local elected officials and

local Congressional representative

April 2014: Tompkins Cortland Community College: SEDS chapter. MDRS Slideshow and Discussion. Invite NY Space Grant director, local elected officials and the local Congressional representative.

June 2014: Ms. Blessing Ntoso's 5rd Grade Class, Redbud Elementary School, Ithaca NY (blessingn@k12.ithaca.ny.us) "Imagine Living on Mars" slideshow & NASA outreach activity "Packing the PLSS"

June 2014: Ithaca ScienceCenter, Ithaca, NY: "Imagine Living on Mars" slideshow

Aug. 2014: Kendall of Ithaca Annual Telescope Festival: Slideshow, "Astronomy at MDRS"

Aug. 2014: SEDS (Students for the Exploration and Development of Space) national convention: submit abstract & run a table on MDRS volunteer opportunities