

**DESTINED FOR MARS:**  
**FIRST ROUND APPLICATION**

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

*For the following, please answer YES or NO:*

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| 1. This mission will require an intensive nine-year training schedule, during most of which you will live away from your family at a remote location. Visits will typically consist of two-week vacations, four to six times per year. Do you agree to these terms? | <b>Circle:</b><br><br>YES                      NO |
| 2. Can you currently lift/carry over twenty-five kilograms? Can you currently run five kilometers in under twenty-five minutes?   | <b>Circle:</b><br><br>YES                      NO |
| 3. Do you have 20/20 vision? If not, do you have corrective lenses that bring you to 20/20 vision? Would you agree to have laser eye surgery at age eighteen to permanently bring you to 20/20 vision?  | <b>Circle:</b><br><br>YES                      NO |
| 4. Can you speak conversational-level English and/or Russian? If only one of the two, would you be capable of learning the other within the next ten months, before your country's national finals?   | <b>Circle:</b><br><br>YES                      NO |

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| 5. Would you agree to travel to a space center of our choosing for specialized tests, including, but not limited to, tests of intelligence, strength, wit, dexterity, teamwork skills, and the ability to withstand nausea?    | <b>Circle:</b> | YES | NO |
| 6. Finally, should you be selected, would you be willing to commit to the full duration of a Mars mission, including nine months of travel to the planet, a year-long mission on Mars itself, and the nine-month journey home? | <b>Circle:</b> | YES | NO |

Please include with your application a three-to-five-page personal essay, and a resume listing any relevant awards, scholastic reports, or extracurricular activities.

You will be contacted within four to six weeks if you are chosen to move on in the application process. Up to one thousand candidates from every country will be selected for each nation's Quarterfinals. From there, seventy-five candidates will be chosen to move on to their National Semifinals, and out of those, five will be chosen for their National Finals. The winner of the National Finals will then move on to the International Finals, where six candidates will be ultimately chosen for the Destined for Mars program.

Do not let these odds deter you from applying. Mars belongs to us all.

Sincerely,

*Robert E. Schuber, Director of the International Space Exploration Coordination Group*

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_