



# SOARING OKLAHOMA: AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

## Exploring Careers in Aerospace & Defense

In 2013, according to the Social Security Administration, the national average for salaries across the United States was \$44,888.16. In the student workbook *Soaring Oklahoma: Aerospace & Defense* (visit <http://bit.ly/1XZ0bXC> to access the student workbook digitally) you will find a list of exciting careers that are available in the Aerospace & Defense Industry. Every career listed offers an annual salary that exceeds the National Average. Choose a career that sounds interesting to you that you had never heard of before.

### Now do your research!

When exploring your chosen career, you will need to do the following:

- 1) Identify the education requirements for entering into your chosen career.
- 2) Identify at least 3 Educational Institutions within the state of Oklahoma that you could attend to retain the required education for your chosen position.
- 3) Find 3 different real life job listings within the state of Oklahoma for your chosen career (you can use Monster.com, Indeed.com, USAjobs.gov, etc. to locate job listings). Identify a list of required skill sets that are common among all three job listings.
- 4) Create a list of 5 questions that you have regarding what it would be like to work in the career you have chosen. Choose one of the 3 job listings that you have already identified and research that company's Human Resource contact information. Contact the human resource department for that company, identify yourself as a student doing research and seek answers to your 5 questions.
- 5) Summarize your findings. Write a 1 – 2 page summary of your findings including an introduction explaining why you chose the career that you did and a conclusion indicating whether or not you are interested in learning more about the career you have chosen to research or if you would prefer to look at other career opportunities.

**For a chance to win a free iPad for both yourself AND your teacher, submit your 1-2 page summary via NIE's online portal located at:**

**<http://nie.newsok.com/soaring-oklahoma-aerospace-defense-contest-entry/>**

**All submissions are due by January 29, 2016.**