

Soaring Oklahoma: Aerospace & Defense

You Have Friends in High Places

Did you know, right here in the state of Oklahoma, there are currently over 108,000 jobs that are in the Aerospace and Defense Industry? That's right! And according to the Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development, that number is expected to grow by over 4,000 jobs between now and the year 2020. These are challenging and exciting careers that require varying levels of education ranging from Technical Certifications through to Master's and even Doctorate degrees.



STUDENTS

Identify a career within the Aerospace and Defense Industry that is of interest to you and do the following:

1. Identify the education requirements for entering into your chosen career.
2. Identify all the educational institutions within the state of Oklahoma where you could retain the required education for the position you have chosen.
3. Perform a job search online for job postings here in the state of Oklahoma (you can use JobsOK.com, Monster.com, Indeed.com, USAjobs.gov and any other job search engine to locate position postings). Locate three job postings for the position you have chosen and create a list of required skill sets that are common across all three job listings.
4. Create five questions that you have regarding what it would be like to work in the career you have chosen. Choose one of the three job listings you have already located and contact that company's Human Resource department. Identify yourself as a student and ask if they could help you to find answers to your five questions.
5. Summarize your findings. Write a 1 – 2 page summary offering an overview of the research you completed in steps one through four. Indicate whether or not you would be interested in pursuing the career path you chose to research.

Share your summary with Newspapers in Education and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$250.00 VISA Gift Card. And if you win, we will send your teacher a \$500.00 VISA Gift Card too! To submit your entries visit:

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paper to Newspapers in Education, PO Box 25125, Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0125. Entries are due by April 30, 2017. The drawing will be held on May 1, 2017.

