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To Be an Astronaut

To be an astronaut takes a lot of skilled training. First, a candidate must have a Bachelors degree in engineering, biological sciences, physical sciences or mathematics. They must also have 1,000 hours of flying time in a high-performance jet aircraft called a T-38. The individual must be a United States citizen, pass a strict physical exam, a visual and blood pressure test, along with height requirements. Once these requirements are met, a student can apply for astronaut basic training.

Basic training skills include: first aid and CPR, language, scuba diving, parachuting, flight training, element survival training, life sciences, system operations, space physics and astronomy, space mechanics and micro-gravity studies. Advanced skills include thermodynamics, remote sensing, industrial materials and spacecraft design. After the basic training program, candidates are given title of "astronaut". They then can go to advance training programs and then go on to mission specialist training or international space station training.

It takes a lot of training and skills to be an astronaut. It would be cool to be an astronaut and learn about weightlessness, simulators, and be able to fly in a spaceship up into space.



My brother and I with an Astronaut



Men on the moon



Friendship 7 monument at the Cape

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