

How to send your Postcard to Space



Postcard Front Side

The National Space Society's SpaceEdge Education Program's Roadmap to Space Art Contest is excited to collaborate with Blue Origin's Club For the Future Postcards to Space program. The Club for the Future will fly your postcard on a Blue Origin New Shepard rocket, then return it to you stamped "Flown to Space."

All entries may provide a physical postcard to fly to space.

To create a postcard, you will need this template (2 pages) and a piece of 8 ½" x 11" heavy card stock. Do not use regular paper. The postal service will NOT allow it. You must use heavy card stock for the postcard.

The postcard you will make using this template is going to be two-sided. So it is important to use this 2-page template to create the postcard. The rectangular box above is the front side of the post card and the rectangular box on the next page (or the back side if this is printed two-sided) is the back side of the postcard. The position of the front and back sides are aligned on the template so you can print as a 2-sided document on the card stock.

Here are the steps needed to send a physical copy of your contest entry into space.

Step 1: Paste your contest art entry on the postcard's BACK Side in the blank rectangular box. You will need to size your art piece to fit inside the rectangular box.

Step 2: Using a single sheet of heavy weight paper, print the two pages of this template as a single double sided sheet. Heavy weight paper for a postcard needs to be between 90 - 130 lb weight or between 215 gsm - 350 gsm.

Step 3: In the rectangular box on the front of the postcard, print your full name and your return address. Please be careful to clearly print your return address. Use the best address format for your country. In the US, the best format is shown in the example below.

First and Last Name
Street Address
City, State/Province and Postal Code
Country

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Postcard Back Side

In the box above paste a copy of your artwork.

Step 4: Cut out the rectangular postcard using the dashed lines as a guide

Step 5: Place the postcard in a stamped envelope and mail it to:

National Space Society/Postcard

PO Box 236002

Cocoa, FL 32923-6002

United States of America

Note: You do not need to put a stamp on the postcard itself. Club for the Future will cover the postage cost for the return of the postcard to you.

Your contest entry will be sent to space and will then be returned to you, stamped "Flown to Space".

If you wish to send additional postcards to space and not enter the Roadmap to Space Art Contest, visit the Postcards to Space lesson (<https://spacedge.nss.org/course/view.php?id=289>) in the National Space Society's SpacEdge Academy where you can download a postcard template and print as many as you desire. Be sure to sign-up to SpacEdge Academy (<https://spacedge.nss.org/>) where there are more than 100 space related lessons and to join the NSS (<https://nss.org/join-membership/>) to stay current with more student contests, space updates, and special offers in the near future.



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