



Tyee Rocketry Club 2025–2026 – Application & Selection Process

Dear Parents and Students,

We are excited to launch another year of the Tyee Rocketry Club! Interest in the program continues to grow, and we are thrilled to see so many students eager to take part in this challenging and rewarding experience.

Because the club involves hands-on engineering, strict safety requirements, and competition-level projects, we have a limited number of spots available each year. To ensure every student has a meaningful and safe experience, we are using the following process for selection:

♦ Returning Members

Students who actively participated last year will be given priority to return. They bring valuable knowledge, experience, safety awareness, and technical skills that help the team succeed and mentor new members.

♦ Application Step

All new applicants must complete a Student & Parent Questionnaire, which confirms:

- Students and parents understand the commitment to the time needed to be successful (meetings twice per week and Saturday launches).
- Agreement to always follow safety procedures. No exceptions.
- Willingness to work as a contributing member of a team.

♦ Interview Step

Students will meet briefly with Coaches and Mr. Burke when turning in their questionnaire. This is a chance for us to understand each student's motivation, interest, and readiness to commit to the program.

♦ Lottery for New Members

All qualified applicants (those who demonstrate commitment through the questionnaire and interview) will be entered into a lottery to fill the remaining spots. Five additional students will be placed on a waitlist, in lottery order, should any accepted students not complete payment.

Lottery Entries

- Every qualified student receives 1 lottery entry.
- Students may earn additional entries (up to a maximum of 3, out of 4 below) based on the following:
 1. Joined the Spring Session → +1 entry
 2. Applied last year but did not get in → +1 entry
 3. 7th grade or above → +1 entry
 4. Show clear knowledge or strong interest (through questionnaire or interview) → +1 entry

Important Notes

- The maximum number of entries is 4 per student.
- This means students may qualify under several categories, but no student can have more than 4 entries.

Example

- A student who qualifies, applied last year, and shows strong knowledge = 3 entries.
- A student who qualifies, applied last year, is in 7th grade, and shows strong knowledge = 4 entries
- A student who qualifies, applied last year, joined spring session, is in 7th grade, and shows strong knowledge = still 4 entries (the cap ensures fairness and balance).

♦ Why This Process?

Our goal is to balance fairness and commitment:

- Returning students keep the team strong and competitive.
- The questionnaire and interview ensure that new members understand the expectations and are ready to commit.
- The lottery system with capped extra entries gives every qualified student a fair chance, while recognizing persistence, preparation, and genuine interest.
- Limited spots allow us to maintain safe, meaningful, hands-on experiences for every student.

We believe this process provides every student with a fair opportunity while ensuring the team remains safe, competitive, and committed.

Thank you for supporting the Tyee Rocketry Club. We look forward to another exciting year of discovery, teamwork, and launches!