



OCESS Commander Application for the 2008–09 Year

Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. Your responses are only part of the assessment procedure that will be used in selection. You may elect not to answer any question, but doing so may adversely affect how your application is considered, or make it impossible for us to properly evaluate it. Some questions have no actual weighting in the assessment, but are included to help us assess your personality. It is your responsibility to determine which questions these are.

Please type your answers (in twelve-point, 1.5-spaced Helvetica or Times New Roman) on sheets of paper that aren't part of the application form, then staple them on. Please also submit an electronic copy of your responses to commanders@spacesim.org.

§ 1: Future History

1. List, to the best of your knowledge, the courses in which you will be enrolled next year, including any which take place outside of class hours (Repertoire, Outdoor Ed, Chinese school, etc.), as well as your academic average as of the most recent report card.
2. What other major extracurricular activities do you anticipate being involved in next year? If possible, indicate how many hours per week you expect to devote to each of these activities.

Also indicate, surplus to time spent at Friday work sessions or lunch meetings, approximately how many hours per week you would be willing to devote to OCESS work, on a regular basis.

3. In fifty words or less, state the field of employment that you would most like to work in after your education is complete.

§ 2: Desired Position

4. Please rank the following positions according to which position you would most like to hold next year (Rank '1' indicates the preferred position). If you do not want to consider a position, do not give it a rank. You may not assign the same rank to two different positions.
 - Mission Commander (responsible for commanding the Habitat, general management of the mission and the Simulation overall)
 - Sub-Commander (assists the Mission Commander and has largely the same responsibilities)
 - Education Commander (responsible for EEPs, the Challenges, and everything that is neither the Mission nor a Planetarium)
 - Planetarium Commander (responsible for advertising, arranging, and carrying out Planetarium presentations)
5. Explain, in a response of exactly five hundred words, why you feel that you are the best candidate to fill the position you indicated as preference '1'.

6. Compose a haiku that contains the rank that you prefer most. Example:

“How I love to be
Mission Commander, since I
can abuse my rank.”

Note that ‘Planetarium Commander’ will have to be split across two lines.

§ 3: Plan of Action

7. In a response of five hundred \pm 50 words, explain what aspects of the OCESS you would not change if you were a club head next year.
8. In a response of not fewer than six hundred and not more than one thousand words, and containing at least three illustrations or diagrams, indicate what aspects of the OCESS you *would* change, and how you would change them.
9. For each of the following scenarios, please explain, in one hundred fifty words or fewer per scenario, how you would respond if you were the club head responsible for that activity.
 1. You are the Mission Commander. It’s the fourth day of the Mission, and some of the astronauts are beginning to lose their drive to work. Experiments are falling behind, and your return to Earth might be delayed. How do you respond?
 2. You are the Education Commander. Schools aren’t interested in what your department has to offer. How do you make them interested so that you can sign them up for some EEPs and Science Challenges?
 3. You are the Planetarium Commander. It’s Thursday evening. You get a last minute request from school: they want a planetarium presentation on Monday. No-one else in the OCESS knows how to run a presentation. What do you do on Friday to prepare?

Please note that none of these scenarios are necessarily based upon real-life events.

§ 4: Signature

I, _____ (name), understand that by signing this document, I agree:

- to abide by the decision of the Selection Committee, and not to protest the result
- to allow my responses to be kept by the OCESS for a period of not less than five years. These responses will only be viewed by Commanders, unless I agree otherwise.

I also understand that if any of the statements contained in my responses to these questions are found to be falsified (unless they were obviously and clearly falsified exclusively for the purpose of humour), my immortal soul will belong to the OCESS for a period of two weeks.

(Applicant’s signature)

(Witness’ signature)

Date