

**A.S.P.I.R.E. Student Application: Please type or write in ink legibly.**

A.S.P.I.R.E. (ACT Supplemental Preparation In Rural Education) is an initiative designed to bridge deficits in rural high school students' performance on the ACT College Entrance Examination in order to primarily increase the number of students gaining admissions to institutions offering higher education in Agricultural fields. Additionally, the A.S.P.I.R.E. program aims to increase admissions rates of students from rural, economically distressed counties into institutions of higher education.

**I. Contact Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(First)

(Last)

**Home Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** (please include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnicity (optional):** (please put a checkmark next to any that apply)

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino  
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native  
☐ Asian  
☐ Black or African American  
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
☐ White  
☐ Two or More Races

**Parent/ Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(First)

(Last)

**Parent/Guardian Phone Number** (please include area code): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **II. Academic History**

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Circle Your Current Grade:**      **Sophomore**      **Junior**

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** **\*\*Please note that you must have a minimum of a 3.2 unweighted GPA to apply to the ASPIRE program.**

**\*\* Please check with your high school guidance counselor to obtain your most RECENT academic GPA. Your weighted GPA includes points for honors and AP courses while your un-weighted GPA is your raw GPA without additional points.**

**Weighted GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unweighted GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle any of the exams below that you have taken in the past:**

PSAT      ACT PLAN      ACT      SAT      SAT Subject Tests      AP Exams

**Do you plan on pursuing a 4-year Bachelor's Degree in an agricultural field? Please circle your response below.**

YES      NO      Other Field

**\*\* If you choose other field please list below:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please list your top three Universities that you plan to apply to and state where they are located:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list your anticipated college major:** \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

**Academic clubs, sports etc.)**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list and describe up to five extracurricular, agriculturally related activities you are involved in (ex. FFA- Livestock Judging, 4-H- WHEP etc.) (\*Include years of participation)**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list and describe up to five Community Involvement/Leadership positions you have been involved in (ex. FFA- Chapter President, 4-H- County President, etc)**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. Personal Statement:**

Please describe why you would like to participate in the ASPIRE ACT Preparatory program and how your completion of this ACT Preparatory course could assist you with gaining admissions to college as well as with pursuing your future career.

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#### **IV. References:**

Please list two references below that we may contact on your behalf. Please note that references must NOT be relatives! Examples may include a teacher, guidance counselor, athletic coach, 4-H agent, FFA advisor etc.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## **V. ASPIRE Program Stipulations:**

**Please review the following terms and conditions of participating in the ASPIRE program. Both the prospective student as well as the parent/guardian must initial on the line next to each of these terms indicating that you have BOTH reviewed and agree to these terms.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. We are aware that there is a **\$50 NON-REFUNDABLE** cost for The Princeton Review ACT Preparatory materials that is non-refundable. We are aware that the student will receive The Princeton Review Student Manual, 1,296 ACT Question Workbook, Four full-length ACT Practice Exams with score analysis, and access to The Princeton Review Online ACT Resources for this price.

**\*\* If you are accepted to the ASPIRE program, we will contact you with your acceptance and supply you with the information on where to submit your payment. You DO NOT need to submit any payment with your initial application.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. We are aware that there is a **\$100 REFUNDABLE** cost to participate in the ASPIRE program. This deposit ensures that you and your parents/guardians will adhere to the strict attendance policy. This policy is going to be strictly enforced to ensure that you get the most out of your class!

In order to receive your full-deposit upon completion of the course you must complete the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Complete all 4 full-length practice ACT exams. This includes a diagnostic exam, two exams during the course, and one final exam. If you have a conflict with any of the scheduled practice test dates, you will need to arrange to have your exam administered by an approved proctor by your ASPIRE instructor BEFORE the course begins.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: If you miss ANY of the four practice exams and do not make them up with an approved proctor at an alternate time, you will forfeit your ENTIRE deposit!!**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Attendance will be taken at each ASPIRE class. You will be reimbursed directly based upon your attendance. Below is the reimbursement policy:

Attend 100% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = \$100 Refunded  
Attend 90% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = \$90 Refunded  
Attend 80% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = \$80 Refunded  
Attend 70% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = \$70 Refunded  
Attend 60% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = \$60 Refunded  
Attend 50 % of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = \$50 Refunded  
Attend less than 50% of classes= Forfeit entire \$100 deposit and you will be removed from the A.S.P.I.R.E. program and no longer allowed to attend any remaining classes.

**Limited Scholarship Opportunities:** A limited number of scholarships will be available to sponsor students with demonstrated financial need. If you believe you fall in this category, please indicate by initialing in the space next to the line item “demonstrated financial need” option below.

**Demonstrated Financial Need Option:**

\_\_\_\_\_ please initial if you believe you qualify for financial assistance

\_\_\_\_\_ please initial below if you receive free or reduced lunch at school

**\*\* Please mail your completed application to the following address:**

**A.S.P.I.R.E. Office**  
**North Carolina State University- Scott Hall**  
**2711 Founders Dr. Campus Box 7608**  
**Raleigh, NC 27695**