**ASPIRE Student Application:** Please write in ink legibly.

ASPIRE (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 ASPIRE program aims to increase admissions rates of students from rural, economically distressed counties into institutions of higher education.

1. **Contact Information**

   **Student Name:** __________  ________________
   (First)  (Last)

   **Home Address:**
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

   **County:** ____________________________________________

   **Student Phone Number:** (please include area code)________________________

   **Student Email:** __________________________________________

   **Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):** _________________________________

   **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): _____________________
II. Academic History

Please Circle Your Current Grade Level: Sophomore Junior

Estimated Graduation Year: 

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

** If you choose NO, indicate your preferred field post-graduation below.


Please list your top three Universities that you plan to apply to:

1) 

2) 

3) 

Please list your anticipated college major: 

Briefly describe your future career aspirations upon completing your undergraduate degree. **Please note specifically if you plan to pursue a career in an Agricultural field.

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Please list and describe up to five extracurricular activities you are involved in (ex. Academic clubs, sports etc.)
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2) ____________________________________________________________

3) ____________________________________________________________

4) ____________________________________________________________

5) ____________________________________________________________
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 $65 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, 1,460 ACT Question Workbook, Four full-length ACT Practice Exams with score analysis, and access to The Princeton Review Online ACT Resources for this price.

2. **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.**

3. 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. *Less than 50% attendance results in forfeiting the deposit and being removed from the program.*

   - 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
**Limited Financial Assistance Available:** Limited financial assistance is available to sponsor students with demonstrated financial need or hardship. If you believe you fall in this category, please indicate and complete the information below.

**Do you believe you qualify for financial assistance?**

YES    NO

If you circled YES above, please complete the following:

**Why do you want to participate in ASPIRE?**

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**State any special or family circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.**

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**What impact would financial assistance for ASPIRE have on your educational journey?**

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**Do you receive free or reduced lunch at school?**

YES    NO
** If you would like to mail your application, you may send it to the following address:

ATTN: Joanna Eglinton  
2501 Founders Drive  
111 Patterson Hall  
Campus Box 7642  
Raleigh, NC 27695