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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Interested in being part of the NASA team that leads the mission to Mars? NASA wants you. The space agency has announced it will accept applications for the next group of astronauts from Dec. 14 through mid-February 2016.

Those accepted will be announced in mid-2017 following a rigorous process that includes physical and psychological testing.

"This next group of American space explorers will inspire the Mars generation to reach for new heights, and help us realize the goal of putting boot prints on the Red Planet," said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden in a news release. "Those selected for this service will fly on U.S. made spacecraft from American soil, advance critical science and research aboard the International Space Station, and help push the boundaries of technology in the proving ground of deep space."

Read the news release and find out how to apply at nasa.gov.