



STUDENT EXPEDITION PROGRAM

STEP: Student Expedition Program Application 2010-2011

Student Qualifications –you must meet all qualifications to apply:

- 1) Sophomore, Junior, or 1st Semester Senior in High School
- 2) Low income (qualify or slightly above qualifying for free/reduced lunch)
- 3) Grade point average of 3.2 or higher
- 4) Planning to obtain a 4-year college degree
- 5) Neither parent has a 4-year college degree
- 6) US citizen or permanent resident

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the remote wilderness conditions and inaccessibility of medical facilities, STEP cannot accept students with chronic medical conditions on its field experiences. These conditions include, but are not limited to, asthma, seizure disorders, diabetes, or a history of anaphylactic reactions to food or insect bites. Additionally, because of the size of the kayaks, you must have a waist and hip measurement of 48 inches or less. All applicants will be required to undergo a medical clearance and physical exam performed by a physician prior to final acceptance into the Student Expedition Program.

USE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST TO BE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE:

- PART I (Applicant and Family Personal Information) -- **Please make sure each and every question is completely answered before submitting your application. Questions often overlooked include: a) yearly household income; b) total number of people in household; c) grade point average (GPA).**
- PART I signed by both applicant and parent/legal guardian.
- PART II (Essay Questions) –please number your responses with the appropriate number of the question you are answering.
- PART III (two Recommendations, which must be from teachers, counselors, and/or adult mentors in youth programs or organizations).
- PART IV Copy of High School Transcript

Mail your completed application to STEP, 6336 North Oracle Road, #326-326, Tucson, AZ 85704. **A completed application includes Part I (Applicant and Family Personal Information), Part II (Essay Questions), Part III (two Recommendations), and Part IV (Copy of High School Transcript). Your application is due by Monday, November 22, 2010. Please keep a copy of your application.**



PART I: Applicant and Family Personal Information

A) Applicant's Information:

Name: _____
First Middle Last Preferred

Current Address (include apt. #, box #, etc.): _____
Street

City State Zip

E-mail address: _____

***STEP will primarily use email to correspond with students. Please provide us with a personal or parent's email address that is checked REGULARLY. Please print clearly.**

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Sex: (check one) F M Birth Date: ____/____/____ Height: _____ Weight: _____
Month Day Year

Yearly Household Income: _____ Total number of people in household (including applicant): _____

Citizenship (check one): U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident (Citizen of _____)
 Foreign Citizen (Citizen of _____)

Responding to ethnic origin is optional. Please check the box that best describes you: Hispanic Asian
 American Indian African American Caucasian Pacific Islander Other _____

B) Education and Academic Information:

Name of High School _____ Grade: _____

Are you currently on free or reduced lunch? Yes No Please give the month and year of your expected graduation date: _____

[Unweighted] Grade Point Avg. (GPA): _____

(If you also have a weighted GPA, please provide it: _____)

Are you taking or have you taken any AP or honors level classes? Yes No

Please List AP subject(s) taken:

Please list honors level subject(s) taken:

Are you currently working towards an IB diploma? Yes No

Do you plan to go directly to college after high school? Yes No

If no, please explain what you plan to do directly after high school: _____

My highest educational goal is to graduate from: (circle one)

High School 2-Yr. College 4-Yr. University Graduate School

C) Parent or Guardian Information:

Mother (or Guardian): _____ Father (or Guardian): _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Day (____) _____ Eve. (____) _____ Phone: Day (____) _____ Eve. (____) _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Has *either* parent graduated from a 4-year college/university? Yes No

If yes, degree(s) obtained _____

University/college(s) attended _____

D) Person to notify in case of emergency (all applicants must identify a person to contact in case of an emergency):

Name: _____

Phone numbers: Cell (____) _____; Home (____) _____; Work (____) _____

Address: _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Relationship to applicant: parent guardian other relative: (specify) _____ spouse mentor friend

Please answer Yes or No to the following questions: Do you have or have you ever had asthma? _____ Do you use an inhaler? _____ Have you ever been hospitalized for asthma? _____ Have you ever had a seizure? _____ Have you ever had an allergic reaction? _____ (If "yes", what are you allergic to? _____) Do you carry an epi-pin? _____ Do you have diabetes? _____

I understand that my acceptance into the STEP/NOLS program is contingent on the review and approval of my completed Medical Form by both STEP and NOLS, and that STEP/NOLS retains the right to deny admission to anyone they believe to be unable to meet the physical, mental, social, or safety demands of their course. I understand, accept, and agree that should I leave the STEP/NOLS expedition for non-medical reasons, I or my legal guardians are responsible to reimburse STEP/NOLS for expenses incurred. I have read, understand, accept and agree to abide by the rules, policies and guidelines set forth in the STEP/NOLS information and the program commitments set forth in the STEP information. I give STEP and NOLS permission to share my contact information with other STEP and NOLS students or graduates and/or with environmental organizations, schools, or strategic partners in which STEP and NOLS graduates may be interested. I also give STEP and NOLS permission to use my name and picture in promotional materials. **I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is true.**

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian is also required to reflect agreement, if applicant is under 18 years of age: _____ Date: _____

PART II. Essay Questions

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type or neatly write your responses on a separate sheet(s); answer each question separately and number your answers. Your responses to these questions are the core of your application. It is important that you put a lot of thought and care in writing your responses.

1. Why are you interested in STEP?
 2. Please list your extra curricular interests (hobbies, athletics, clubs, summer activities, etc.), leadership positions you've held, or awards/recognition you've received.
 3. What are your personal strengths and weaknesses?
 4. You indicated your highest educational goal on the front side of this application. Please describe why you chose this goal and how you intend to reach your goal.
 5. Describe an event or experience in your life that has caused you to think in new ways.
 6. Describe a person who has had a positive impact on your life and explain how.
 7. What career or careers are you interested in at this time?
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STEP: Student Expedition Program
Teacher, Counselor, or Adult Mentor Recommendation
2010-2011

Applicant: _____
 School: _____ Grade: _____
 Mentoring/Youth Organization: _____
 What is your relationship to the applicant? _____
 How long have you known the applicant? _____

To the Teacher, Counselor, or Mentor: STEP: Student Expedition Program is a leadership program for talented, low-income high-school students. At the core of the program is a 3-week outdoor leadership expedition in the wilderness of Alaska with our expedition partner, the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Students will be traveling by kayak down the coast of Prince William Sound, away from any modern conveniences. They will be living and traveling in a small group (with trained outdoor instructors), will be challenged both physically and mentally, and will at times be in conditions that are uncomfortable (cold, wet). As members of a self-sufficient expedition, participants will be expected to contribute to the success of the expedition by pulling their own weight, contributing to the good of the community, and treating their expedition mates with respect and kindness.

1. Please comment on the suitability of this applicant for this program. Please feel free to continue on the back of this sheet or attach a letter if necessary.

2. Please outline this applicant's strengths and personal challenges.

3. Also, please evaluate this candidate in terms of the following qualities:

	Strong	Average	Below Average	No Comment
Maturity				
Self-Confidence				
Determination				
Interest in Learning				
Regard for Others				
Sense of Humor				
Flexibility				

Name (Please Print): _____ Phone: _____
 Signature: _____ E-mail: _____ Date: _____

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