



STUDENT EXPEDITION PROGRAM

Application Instructions – STEP College-Prep Program

Student Qualifications –you must meet all qualifications to apply:

- Sophomore in High School
- Low income (qualify or slightly above qualifying for free/reduced lunch)
- GPA of 3.4 or higher
- Neither parent has a 4-year college degree
- Planning to attend a 4-year college/university full-time immediately after high school and obtain a 4-year college degree
- Will commit to attending monthly college-prep workshops throughout their sophomore, junior and senior year in high school
- Interested in considering colleges around the country as well as Arizona

NOTE: This application must be completed to be considered for STEP's College-Prep Program. In order to be considered for STEP's Leadership Expedition, you must be in STEP's College-Prep Program. It is possible to participate in the College-Prep Program without participating in the Leadership Expedition.

Students with chronic medical conditions cannot participate in STEP's Leadership Expedition due to the remote wilderness conditions and inaccessibility of medical facilities. 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, students 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 participating in STEP's Leadership Expedition.

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

- PART I (Applicant and Family 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 type your answers and number your responses with the appropriate number of the question you are answering.
- PART III (Two Recommendations) – Download two recommendation forms from STEP's website. These must be filled out and signed by a teacher or school guidance counselor.
- 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 Information), Part II (Essay Questions), Part III (Two Teacher/Counselor Recommendations), and Part IV (Copy of High School Transcript).

Your application is due by Monday, November 21, 2011. *Please keep a copy of your application.*



PART I: Applicant and Family Information (Answer ALL Questions)

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 email address that is checked REGULARLY. Please print clearly.** Do you have internet access at home? Yes No

Best Phone: _____ (Circle One: Student Cell Parent Cell Other _____)

2nd Phone: _____ (Circle One: Student Cell Parent Cell Other _____)

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. Lawful 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 Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) classes? Yes No

Please list Honors subject(s) taken:

Please list AP subject(s) taken:

Are you planning on taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses in your junior year? Yes No

Do you plan to go directly to a 4-year college/university after high school? Yes No

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

Are you considering entering the military after high school? Yes No

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: Student resides with: []Mother []Father []Both Parents []Guardian

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: _____

Highest Level of Education: _____ Highest Level of Education: _____

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 hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is true.

NOTE: Both a student and parent/legal guardian signature are required below.

Signature of Student Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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

_____ Date: _____

PART II. Essay Questions

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type your responses on a separate sheet or sheets. Number your answers with the corresponding question number. Your responses to these questions are the core of your application. Please provide a well thought out and well developed response to each question. Please double check your answers for grammar and spelling.

1. Why are you interested in STEP? What do you hope to gain by participating in STEP?
 2. Please list:
 - a) your extra curricular activities (volunteer work, clubs)
 - b) leadership positions you've held and currently hold (give time frame for each)
 - c) awards/recognition you've received
 3. What are your personal strengths? What are your personal challenges?
 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 and why?
 8. Would you consider attending a college outside of the state of Arizona? Please explain why or why not.
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