

Application Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) – UP TO MEDICINE

(New Applicants)

STEP is a New York State funded educational pipeline program for middle and high school students who are economically disadvantaged or from underrepresented backgrounds. The program is designed to stimulate participants' interest in career development opportunities in medicine and the health care professions. STEP students have the opportunity to work directly with physicians, technical staff, certified teachers, medical, and graduate students. Students are exposed to a variety of academic and professional skill development opportunities to enhance their problem solving, critical thinking and test taking skills with an emphasis on active or "hands-on" learning.

Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must be members of an Underrepresented Group (see groups below):
- African American/Black
- Hispanic/Latinx
- American Indian
- Alaskan Native

OR

- Applicants must be economically disadvantaged (see pages 7-8)

Applicants must also meet the following criteria:

- Must be a New York State resident
- Must be a U. S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

- Entering Grades 7 through 12 having a GPA of 2.8 average or better
- Must express interest in science and /or the health professions.

ACADEMIC STEP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Application
- Signed Parent/Student Agreement
- Two letters of recommendation from options below (use provided recommendation forms)
 1. Science Teacher Recommendation (required)
 2. Math Teacher Recommendation
 3. Professional/Character Recommendation - Individual who knows you and can describe your character, motivation and commitment to participate in the program. PLEASE DO NOT USE FAMILY MEMBERS.
- Personal Essay (use provided sheet or enclose a separate sheet; 250 words minimum)
- Recent Report card or Official transcript from your school

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