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Fordham University's Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)

Fordham University's Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) at Rose Hill is a rigorous pre-college academic enrichment program designed to prepare students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) for post-secondary school studies in science and mathematics and careers in STEM, health and licensed fields.

During the academic year, STEP offers an array of services and activities after school and on Saturday mornings. STEP also conducts a five-week, full-time summer academy. All classes take place at the Rose Hill campus in the Bronx and are taught by Fordham faculty, secondary school teachers and graduate students. STEP scholars benefit from camaraderie with the area's brightest students.

Programs and Support Services

- Enrichment Classes: Advanced work in mathematics, science, writing, and development of critical thinking and analytical abilities.
 - Academic, Career, Financial Aid and Personal Counseling
 - High School and College Selection Counseling
 - College Admission Exam (SAT) Preparation: KAPLAN Test Review conducts preparatory classes and provides course materials.
 - Career Activities: Guest speakers, field trips, career testing and conferences.
 - Special Lectures and Workshops: Introductions to specialized fields in the health professions, computer science, engineering, law and many more.
 - Educational Activities and field trips: Classroom academics are augmented by field trips, which include: visits to colleges/universities, museums, and research facilities.
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Eligibility

STEP is designed for New York State residents in grades 7 through 12 who are historically underrepresented minorities or are economically disadvantaged with an interest in pursuing careers in STEP targeted fields.

For the purpose of STEP, a student is considered a New York State resident if he or she resides in New York State and has lived in New York State for the last two terms of school prior to entry into the STEP program or resided in New York State for at least 12 months immediately preceding the first term for which he or she is seeking participation in the STEP program.

The State of New York has designated African Americans/Blacks, Hispanics/Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives as members of underrepresented groups. If an applicant does not meet this criterion, then he/she would have to qualify under economic guidelines set by New York State. A copy of the parent/guardian's Income Tax return will have to be submitted with the student's application. See website for economic eligibility chart:

www.fordham.edu/step

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STEP Application Form

Semester of Application

<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Application Deadline: September 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Application Deadline: February 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Application Deadline: June 1
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Application Checklist

Please complete the entire application by the scheduled deadline. A student's application must include copies of the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Student's latest report card
- Student's complete transcript (10th - 12th grade)
- One math or science teacher recommendation form
Name & Email of Teacher Recommender:

- Copy of COVID-19 vaccination records
If you do not intend to receive the Covid-19 Vaccine, you are not eligible to apply to the STEP program
- Two short responses to the questions below. Each response should be a minimum of 150 and no more than 500 words-typed in 12pt. font and double spaced.
 - 1) What is the biggest problem you see in your community/neighborhood and how would you solve it?
 - 2) What do you hope to gain from being a part of the Fordham STEP Program?
- Resume detailing all extracurricular activities and other academic programs in which you are enrolled. Also highlight special awards received, AP courses, work experience, research/internship placements, and community service
- Supporting documentation if eligibility criteria are not met (income tax return)

**Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Application packets should include all forms.
A registration fee is required for accepted students.**

Personal Information

Student's Full Name: _____ Parent(s)/Guardian Name: _____

Full Street Address & Apt#: _____ Borough/ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent's Cell Phone: _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____

Student's E-mail: _____

Parent's E-mail: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____

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Personal Information (continued)

Gender: Female Male Non-Binary Other: _____

Is the applicant a resident of New York State? Yes No

COVID-19 Vaccination Update: Fordham University requires all students and guests entering campus to be vaccinated and boosted (*if medically eligible*) for COVID-19. Please check your vaccination status below:

- Received both doses and the booster Received both doses with Booster scheduled
 Received dose 1 and dose 2 Received dose 1 with dose 2 scheduled
 I am not vaccinated, but plan on being vaccinated

Ethnicity

- Black/African American Native American
 Hispanic/Latino Alaskan Native
 Other (please specify) _____

Financial Information

If the applicant student is **not** Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, or Alaskan Native, please fill out the following information and provide a copy of the most recent income tax return. Refer to the chart in this application to determine eligibility.

Family Income (amount): _____ Number in Household: _____

School Information

Full Name of School: _____

School Address: _____ Borough/ZIP Code: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Email Address: _____

Grade: _____ Career Interest: _____

Science Course you are currently taking: _____

Math Course you are currently taking: _____

Source of Referral: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent

I, _____ give permission to _____ (school) to release information and periodic grade reports on _____ (student's name) to the Fordham University STEP program.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____ Accepted Declined Waitlisted Date _____

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Math/Science Teacher Recommendation Form

Student's Full Name: _____

To the Student:

A math **or** science teacher must complete a recommendation form on your behalf. You are responsible for submitting this page to your teacher in a timely fashion. Please remember that incomplete applications will not be considered for admission.

To the Teacher:

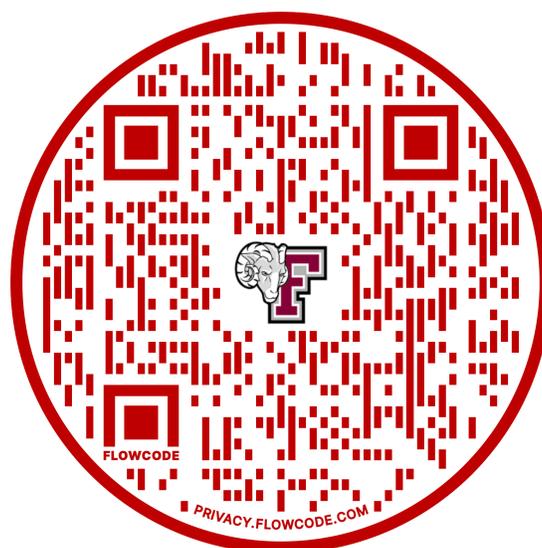
You have been selected as a recommender for a student applying for admission to the Fordham University Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) at Rose Hill located in the Bronx, NY.

STEP is a rigorous academic enrichment program designed to help prepare students for post secondary studies in science, mathematics, technical and health-related careers. A forthright evaluation is extremely important to our selection process as it helps us choose the most qualified student from a very competitive pool of applicants. Please complete this form to evaluate the student's analytical skills, effort, character and conduct. In addition, please provide any pertinent information you think will be beneficial to our selection process.

Please scan the QR Code below to access the recommendation form. The form can also be accessed by typing this link into your web browser: bit.ly/STEPRECSU22

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact STEP Assistant Director, Vanessa Calle vcalle1@fordham.edu/718-817-3264 or Counselor, Carolina Salane at csalane@fordham.edu/718-817-4653

Thank you in advance.



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Eligibility

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Economically disadvantaged students are also eligible to apply for entry to the program. To meet the State of New York's established income requirements for STEP, the student's household income needs to be less than or equal to the income levels indicated below.

New York State Opportunity Programs Income Eligibility Criteria 2017-2023

# of Household Dependents	2017-2018	2018-2019**	2019-2020	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Eligible Income				
1	\$22,311	\$22,311	\$22,459	\$23,606	\$23,828
2	\$30,044	\$30,044	\$30,451	\$31,894	\$32,227
3	\$37,777	\$37,777	\$38,443	\$40,182	\$40,626
4	\$45,510	\$45,510	\$46,435	\$48,470	\$49,025
5	\$53,243	\$53,243	\$54,427	\$56,758	\$57,424
6	\$60,976	\$60,976	\$62,419	\$65,046	\$65,823
7	\$68,709	\$68,709	\$70,411	\$73,334	\$74,222
8	\$76,442	\$76,442	\$78,403	\$81,622	\$82,621

Applications can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

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Fordham University | STEP Program

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Fax: 718-817-3263 | Email: fordhamsteprh@fordham.edu

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