



CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

15th Annual STEP Statewide Student Conference

March 8, 2013 to March 10, 2013 Albany Marriott ~ Albany, New York

Hosted by the New York State Education Department and Syracuse University

The Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) is comprised of 51 colleges and universities across New York State, and one of its many purposes is to introduce students to practical experience in the scientific, technical, and health-related fields, and to prepare students for the rigors of college and beyond. Over 400 students and 125 program directors/advisors regularly attend the conference. Do not miss the opportunity to share valuable information in a forum that allows access to students and staff across New York State who helped to garner the *2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentorship (PAESMEM)*! More information about this award winning program may be found on the New York State Education Department's website at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/step> or www.stepforleaders.org

CONFERENCE TOPICS

This year's STEP Conference will emphasize the importance of planning ahead, being persistent, and staying focused. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: *academic achievement, preparation for college, technology etiquette (i.e., cell phone, e-mail and social networks), financial literacy, peer pressure (bullying), self-esteem, internships, student responsibility, leadership skills, communication skills, setting goals, time and stress management, and personal success.* Workshops will take place on either **Friday, March 8, 2013** or **Saturday, March 9, 2013**, with each convening for **75 minutes**.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS & **ONLINE** SUBMISSION PROCESS

Workshop proposals should: (1) be relevant to the conference theme and student population (middle and high school students); (2) **not exceed 150 words in length**; (3) be **submitted electronically** by **Friday, January 18, 2013** (refer to the link listed below); and (4) be submitted as an abstract that includes the presenter's name, co-presenter's name, mailing address, work telephone number, home telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, business or academic affiliation, workshop title, and a list of needed audio-visual equipments (e.g. overhead projector, LCD projector, easel/flip chart, microphone, TV or VCR). *The conference does not provide laptops or iPads. Workshop presenters are responsible for bringing their own laptops or iPads.* **Proposals mailed, emailed or faxed to Syracuse University will not be considered for this year's conference.**

To complete the registration process and to submit your workshop abstract, please copy or paste into your browser the link below and follow the instructions on the website:

[Workshop Proposal](#) or <http://tinyurl.com/STEPWorkshopProp>

--Presenters should submit a maximum of TWO workshop proposals for review and consideration by the 2013 STEP Statewide Student Conference Planning Committee.

****Selected workshop presenters will receive hotel accommodations, meals, and an honorarium.****

***Note: This does not apply to STEP Program Administrators.*

PROPOSALS are DUE **January 18, 2013** with *electronic notification* by **February 8, 2013**.

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