

The North Country Science & Technology Entry Program

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Math, science, and technology play a major role in our lives today. The North Country Science and Technology Entry Program (NCSTEP) would like to encourage your child's interest in these fields through academic support services and enrichment activities. NCSTEP will help to support your child throughout his/her middle and high school years and to see him/her continue to a post-secondary education in the fields of math, science, technology, engineering, health, or the licensed professions.

All program offerings are FREE to NCSTEP participants and include, but are not limited to:

- College admission assistance including the application process and campus visits
- Assistance navigating financial aid
- Eligibility for the STEP Senior Scholarship
- Summer day trips (Grades 7-9)
- Summer Research Week (Grades 10-12)
- Workshops
- Educational field trips
- Scholar Dollars to reward academic performance
- Research, internship, and job-shadowing opportunities (paid & unpaid)
- SAT and ACT preparation and fee waivers
- Funding for college credits/courses while in high school
- Educational conferences
- Tutoring

NCSTEP serves over 200 students in the Madrid-Waddington, Massena, Parishville-Hopkinton, and Salmon River school districts as well as SLL BOCES. Our goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented and income eligible students prepared to enter college in majors involving math, science, technology, engineering, health related fields and the licensed professions (please see enclosed New York State income eligibility chart for economic guidelines).

If you would like your child to receive these services, please use one of the below methods to apply:

- If you received a paper application packet, complete and return to the NCSTEP counselor or guidance office at your school or in the enclosed postage paid envelope.
- Visit our website at www.potsdam.edu/ncstep to download the application. Complete and send to ncstep@potsdam.edu

Sincerely,



Mary Stickney, Director



New York State Opportunity Programs Income Eligibility Criteria

2021 - 2022	
Number of members in Household (Including head of household)	Total Annual Household Income
1	\$23,606
2	\$31,894
3	\$40,182
4	\$48,470
5	\$56,758
6	\$65,046
7	\$73,334
8	\$81,622
*Add \$8,288 for each family member in excess of 8	

Examples of Previous NCSTEP Activities and Services

- Residential Summer Math & Science Camp Grades 7-9
- Past College Visits Have Included (but are not limited to): Grades 11-12

SUNY Potsdam	Clarkson University	St. Lawrence University
SUNY Canton College	SUNY Plattsburgh	North Country Community College
SUNY Albany	Syracuse University	Hudson Valley Community College
SUNY Cortland	St. Lawrence College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)
Carleton College	Algonquin College	Onondaga Community College
Paul Smiths	University of Buffalo	Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
Cornell University	Columbia University	New York University
- Summer Research Week Grades 10-12
- Hands on Workshops: "Slime Time", "Snowflake Crystals", "Lava Lamps" Grades 7-12
- Iroquois Social Grades 7-12
- Edible Architecture Workshop Grades 7-12
- College Application Week and Assistance Grade 12
- Financial Aid Workshops (FAFSA) for Parents and Students Grade 12
- Summer Camp Reunion Grades 7-9
- Virtual Career Exploration Grades 7-12
- Pi Day/ Day of Service Grade 6
- Health Fair @ St. Regis Mohawk Health Facility Grades 9-10
- NYS STEP Student Conference Grade 9-12
- General Tutoring and Educational Advisement Weekly Grades 7-12
- Middle School Recruitment Parties Grades 7-8
- Senior Dinner/Awards Night Grade 12
- Incentive Trips to Great Escape, Boston, Toronto, etc. Grades 9-12
- Regents Review Party @ SUNY Potsdam Grades 8-12
- AMBE Native American Financial Aid Workshop Grade 12
- Research, Internship, and Job Shadow Opportunities Grades 10-12
- SAT/ACT Fee Waiver and Preparation Grades 10-12
- College Credit/IB Tuition Cost Assistance Grades 10-12



APPLICATION FORM

North Country Science & Technology Entry Program (NCSTEP)

206 Sisson Hall, 44 Pierrepont Avenue

SUNY Potsdam

Potsdam, NY 13676

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Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Initial:
Date of Birth:				
Gender Identification: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male Self Identify:				
Mailing Address:	Number and Street:			
	City:		State:	Zip:
NYS Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Reservation Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
School Name:			Grade:	
Student Email:				
Guidance Counselor:				
Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian (specify tribe/nation: _____)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> African American			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
	<input type="checkbox"/> White			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
Parent/Guardian(s) Name:				
Parent/Guardian Email:				
Home Phone: ()			Work Phone: ()	
Cell Parent: ()			Cell Student: ()	
Student lives with and Relationship? (please print)				
Home Address (if different than above)				

Future Career Plans

In the space below, please identify a few STEM or health care careers you may be interested in learning more about.

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Release Form (for everyone to complete)

I certify that the family and financial information is true, correct and complete to my knowledge. I hereby authorize the NCSTEP program:

1. to participate in the North Country Science and Technology Entry Program and for NCSTEP to have access to my student's SchoolTool account and obtain copies of my student's transcripts, grade reports, standardized test scores, etc. for as long as my student participates in the program I understand that all information will be kept confidential.
2. to verify free/reduced lunch status, if indicated below.
3. to provide academic support services and career counseling in order to assist and encourage my son/daughter with choices regarding high education.
4. to use photos or video footage that may be taken during NCSTEP program experiences. This footage may be used to document programming and potentially shared through program website/social media accounts.
5. to give the New York State Education Department contact information for my son/daughter. This information will be forwarded to colleges who will provide student information to all of the colleges and universities in the State of New York that administer a CSTEP project (CSTEP is the collegiate version of NCSTEP). The students will then receive admissions and financial aid information from these institutions.

Student's Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Family Income Information Form

(this is required only for students who are *not* Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native)

Please fill out the following if your entrance to NCSTEP is based on income. NCSTEP uses state funds so we must follow their eligibility guidelines for acceptance to the program. The information that you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only by our staff to determine possible eligibility.

Estimated Annual Family Income: _____

Number in Household: _____

Are you eligible for or do you receive free/reduced school lunch? Yes No

For School/BOCES Official Use Only

I hereby certify that the student submitting this application is eligible for free/reduced lunch.

School District/BOCES Official's Signature _____ Date _____

School District/BOCES Official's Title _____

For Office Use Only:

NCSTEP Director's Signature: _____

Approved Not Approved Pending