



CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

14th Annual STEP Statewide Student Conference

March 30, 2012 to April 1, 2012 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 OVERVIEW

This year's STEP Conference will emphasize the importance of planning ahead, being persistent, and staying focused. *The themes of this year's Conference will stress 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, and personal success.* Highlights of the conference will include students in grades 7~12 presenting their fascinating research projects and participating in intellectually stimulating workshops. Workshops will take place on Saturday, **March 31, 2012**, with each convening for **75 minutes**.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS & SUBMISSION PROCESS

Workshop proposals should: (1) be relevant to the conference themes; (2) **not exceed 150 words in length**; (3) be **submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word Document to Dr. Leonese Nelson** at lenelson@syr.edu by **Friday, January 27, 2012**; 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, VCR or a chalkboard).

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

PROPOSALS are DUE **January 27, 2012** with acceptance notification by **February 17, 2012**.

E-mail Workshop Proposals to: Dr. Leonese Nelson at lenelson@syr.edu

For more information, please contact:

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