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Summer Job Applications for City of Minneapolis' STEP-UP Program Accepted for Four More Days

Application Deadline is Friday, February 21 at Midnight

February 18, 2014 (Minneapolis) – STEP-UP is the City of Minneapolis' summer jobs program for youth ages 14-21. One of the country's premier youth employment programs, STEP-UP recruits, trains, and places low-income youth in a wide range of jobs with Twin Cities' businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies. STEP-UP is currently accepting applications for the 2014 summer jobs program [online](#) through Friday, February 21.

If a student has not applied for STEP-UP, there is still time. The online application will close at midnight on Friday, February 21. The online application takes approximately 15 minutes to complete, however, students will need information from their parents to complete the application. A brief essay is also required as part of the submission, so students should plan ahead. Once the online application is started, you are required to submit it during the same online session (i.e. you are not able to save it on your desktop and return to it later).

If a student has already applied for STEP-UP, it is important to check if they have received an email from the STEP-UP program confirming that their application has been received. If you know a student that believes they have submitted a completed application and has not received a confirmation email from the STEP-UP program, they should contact the STEP-UP office at 612.673.5041 to check on the status of their application submission before Friday, February 21.

Students who have been selected to participate in the STEP-UP program training will be contacted by email the week of February 28th.

STEP-UP is dedicated to preparing tomorrow's workforce today. STEP-UP places an emphasis on serving youth who face some of the greatest barriers to employment including youth from lower economic backgrounds and youth of color. Last year, STEP-UP placed 1,650 Minneapolis youth in summer jobs. Over 90 percent of the youth were students of color and one-third of the youth were from immigrant families.

“STEP-UP provides opportunities to our youth today that will result in creating a highly skilled, diverse workforce of tomorrow.” said Mayor Hodges “This investment in our youth’s talent is our region’s guarantee that we will be economically competitive on a regional, national, and global scale into the future.”

STEP-UP helps interns explore diverse career interests, gain valuable on-the-job skills, make strong professional connections, and prepare for meaningful careers. The program is managed in partnership with AchieveMpls and the Minneapolis Workforce Centers.

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