

Union College

Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)

Thank you for your interest in the Union College Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP). STEP was established in 1985 by the NYS Legislature to prepare historically underrepresented or economically disadvantaged students, in grades 7 – 12, for entry into postsecondary degree programs in scientific, technical, health-related, and licensed professions. Since 1996, Union College has been awarded the STEP grant by the NYS Department of Education to establish collaborative relationships with local schools.

Through Union College STEP, local school students receive high-quality instruction in math, science and technology from Union College faculty, staff, students and other presenters. Union College hosts approximately twelve Saturday sessions comprised of academic workshops, local field trips during the academic year, and a three-week intensive research-based program in the summer. All program resources and activities are offered at no cost to the participants.

To be considered for acceptance into STEP at Union College, students must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a New York State resident
- Must be in 7th – 12th grade (for Summer STEP, you must be entering 7th – 12th grade the following fall)
- Member of a historically under represented group (as defined by the New York State Department of Education): African American, Latino/Hispanic or Native American/Alaskan Native. Or, if you are not a member of one of these ethnic groups, you can qualify based on economic need (see attached Income Eligibility Criteria chart).
- Show a demonstrated interest in math and/or science, indicated in the application essay
- Have an average grade of C+ (77) or greater in math and science courses, as indicated on a current report card. Students must be passing all of their subjects.
- Submit the completed application attached including most recent report card.
- Applicants will be notified of our decision by mail or email.