Application for Admission to STEP (Striving Toward Educational Possibilities) for students in grades 7 and 8

Striving Toward Educational Possibilities (STEP) is designed to introduce 7th and 8th graders to the college experience. STEP, to be held Thursday, April 26 – Saturday, April 28, 2012, is open to all students and especially seeks to advance the needs and interests of African American and Hispanic youth and communities.

Current 7th and 8th graders are required to provide the following by Thursday, March 22.
1. Completed and signed application form, including essay (written legibly)
2. Signed Parent/Guardian Partner Agreement
3. Recommendation
4. Copy of current school ID card or report card

NOTE: There is no application fee. Approximately 90% of the cost of STEP ($400) – room, board and activities – is covered by a grant for students who are accepted into the program. Students must provide their own transportation and pay a $40.00 enrollment fee if admitted to the program.

Applicant Name: ____________________________________________________________

Birth Date: ___________/__________/__________ Gender: □ Female □ Male

Address: _________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _____________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ E-mail Address: ___________________________

Middle School: ___________________________ Class level: □ 7th □ 8th

Church (if applicable): ______________________________________________________

*Please attach a copy of your most recent report card or school ID.

Optional Information (This information is important for our records, but will not be used in a discriminatory manner.)
1. Are you Hispanic/Latino or of Spanish origin (regardless of race)? □ Yes □ No If yes, please specify (circle): Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, other Spanish culture or origin (please indicate):

2. From the following five racial groups, please select one or more races to describe your origins:
   □ American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.
   □ Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
   □ Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
   □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
   □ White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
Question (please write legibly below or submit responses on a separate type-written sheet):

1. Please explain why you are interested in participating in STEP and why STEP would provide a good experience for you (suggested lengths: 100-200 words typed or written legibly below).

STEP Parent/Guardian Partner Agreement

STEP is a unique experience, providing middle school students the opportunity to experience college life while living on a college campus from Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28. In order to make this weekend the best experience possible for students we have created some very necessary guidelines which, ultimately, are for the benefit of both the student and parents. These include:

1. **No Visitors**—Families and friends of potential applicants need to understand that students may not receive outside visitors during the program (except for any parent workshops held).

2. **No outside of STEP activities**—Families and friends of potential applicants must be clear on this point: no outside activities, including piano lessons, sports activities, family gatherings, etc., can be attended if a student chooses to attend STEP.

By signing this agreement, I agree to adhere to the expectations listed above.

_________________________________________________________
Print parent/guardian name (print clearly)

_________________________________________________________
E-mail Address

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Student applications received without a signed Parent/Guardian Partner Agreement will not be considered for program admission.

Final Steps

1. Give the recommendation form to a teacher, school counselor, church pastor or youth leader.

2. Send completed forms and a copy of your school ID or most recent report card to:

   Calvin College
   Office of Pre-College Programs
   3201 Burton Street SE
   Grand Rapids, MI 49546

   616-526-6756 (fax)
   616-526-6749 (phone)
   precollege@calvin.edu