

Guidelines for Parents

While we always encourage parents to be involved in their son/daughter's education, we encourage the STEP-UP student participants to take responsibility for their own summer research experience. As such, we encourage students to talk to their parents about their summer experiences and for the students themselves to contact their mentor and Program Coordinator when problems or questions arise. This applies to the Research Symposium in August as well. This meeting in Bethesda is for the interns to learn from other budding scientists, learn about the NIH, and be exposed to new people and places. As such, if parents choose to attend the meeting, the following requirements must be followed:

- The Program Coordinator must be notified of your plans to attend the meeting by **July 18, 2016**.
- All student interns are required to share a room with another STEP-UP intern and not with their parent(s).
- Parents must secure their own hotel room. We are unable to hold or purchase rooms for parents.
- Students must attend all STEP-UP program activities, and cannot be excused to have dinner with their parents or attend other non-NIH activities.
- Parents may join their son/daughter during the presentations at the NIH and the banquet dinner; for all other activities such as other meals and social activities, parents are not permitted.
- Parents who attend the banquet are responsible for payment to the Program for their banquet dinner(s). Parents should contact Ms. Dee Fleming via email at deefleming@drew.edu by July 18st 2016.
- Students are accompanied by chaperones that supervise the travel to and from the hotel and airport as well as all other activities hosted by STEP-UP. Parents must find their own transportation to and from the hotel/airport.

I, _____ (print student's name legibly) have read, understand, and agree to follow all of the student responsibilities and guidelines set forth by the NIH/NIDDK STEP-UP program and the *STEP-UP High School Program Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action*. I realize that I must cooperate to the fullest extent and adhere to these rules to insure my own safety and that of my fellow students and mentors. I am aware that any violation of these rules, which results in unsafe conduct or misbehavior on my part, will result in being removed from the laboratory and/or dismissal from the Program. I acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the STEP-UP rules and requirements may result in the forfeiture of any associated benefits and financial support received from the STEP-UP Program.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

I, _____ (print parent's name legibly) have read, understand, and agree to follow all of the parental guidelines set forth by the NIH/NIDDK STEP-UP Program and the *STEP-UP High School Program Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action*. I agree to cooperate to the fullest extent and adhere to these rules.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE