



RETURNING STUDENT PARTICIPANT STEAM AMBASSADORS PROGRAM-2022 CYCLE

2022 APPLICATION PACKET

Background

Unlimited Hands-On Science (UHS) STEAM Ambassador Program offers a yearlong coach for promoting ambassadors of science. The program is offered to student's 3rd through 12th grade only. Accepted participants will focus on themes such as leadership and community service through activities such as site meetings, experiential learning activities, leadership trainings, mentoring by community, volunteer programs and our Jr. Counselor Program.

STEAM Ambassadors is sponsored by Unlimited Hands-On Science, LLC and its affiliates. The program runs all year long depending on the community service events that are happening.

Eligibility Requirements

- **3rd – 12th grade only!**
- Maintain good academic standing
- Demonstrate leadership and interest in community service and program themes.
- Exhibit flexibility, maturity, integrity, good social skills, and open-mindedness.
- Ability to attend in person and virtual meetings.

*****DEADLINE: December 19, 2021**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply?

- Submit supporting documents as outlined within the application. Students must submit 2 letters of recommendation (non-family), a photo of yourself, and parent/guardian permission.

What is the cost of this program?

- **Annual dues for the STEAM Ambassador program will be \$150 and will be due every year on September 1.**
- UHS will pay for transportation to and from venues and we will raise funds for the rest.

Can siblings apply to the STEAM Ambassador Program?

- Yes, as long as they meet all of the same requirements.

What are the criteria for selection?

Students will be evaluated on the following factors:

- A demonstrated interest in and commitment to volunteer and civic activities.
- Ability to work cooperatively in diverse groups and tolerate the opinions of others.
- Leadership potential
- Good social and communication skills.
- Good academic performance (maintains B or higher).
- An energetic, positive attitude; and
- Ability to learn how to implement projects that benefit UHS and the community.

Will I receive confirmation that my application has been received? When will I know if I've been accepted?

- Yes. You will receive an email to inform you your application is complete and has been received after submitting all required forms. You will also receive an email to inform you of your status-Not Selected or Selected. If selected, you will also receive an invitation for an interview, and will receive an email after their interview informing their new status-Approved or Not Approved.

What if I'm not accepted to the STEAM Ambassadors Program this year; can I apply again next year?

- Yes, provided you meet the eligibility criteria again next year.

If selected.....

- Additional information and materials will be provided.

Who should I contact if I have any questions about the application or program?

- Please send all questions about the program to unlimitedhandsonscience@gmail.com or call (803) 667-2393

2022 APPLICATION

Please carefully read this application form before beginning your application. You must answer all the questions and submit all the required documentation for your application to be considered eligible. If some questions do not apply, please write N/A (not applicable).

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Please send the following documentation with your application:

1. Most recent academic record or report card.
2. Parent consent form
3. Letter of Recommendation #1 (teacher)
4. Letter of Recommendation #2 (administration or community leader)
5. Community Service Log for prior years
6. Essay
7. Completed Application (incomplete applications will be automatically rejected)

***Letter #1 should be from a teacher at your school. Letter #2 should be from an adult community leader at an organization that you're either apart of or volunteered, or any administration official at your school. **Advisors CANNOT be used for any letters of recommendations.**

Recommendations should be by an adult who is not related to you. The adult should know you well enough to talk about your leadership abilities, character, and ability to handle different situations.

**Community service log should be filled out before you turn in your application. You may use all prior community service events (ex. Handing out food boxes in Dillion, SC) to help you with filling in your log. If you need assistance with filling in your log please reach out to an advisor.

Please make sure that your recommender includes your full name in your letter or recommendation and utilizes the STEAM Ambassadors provided form.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: _____
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

_____ _____ _____
Suffix Preferred Name if not First Name Gender Date of Birth (month/day/year)

We encourage students with disabilities and from other diverse backgrounds to apply. Opportunities are open to students regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, or sexual identity.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent Phone: _____
 Home Mobile/Cell

Email: _____ Facebook: _____

Current address: _____

(Please include street name and number, postal code, city, state/province)

Mailing address: _____

(If different from current address)

SURVEY

How did you hear about the STEAM Ambassador program? Be specific.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Current School Name: _____ Type: Public Private Other

School Address: _____

(Please include street name and number, postal code, city, state/province)

Grade Level (what year of schooling you are currently in): _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Did you attach your most recent academic record? Yes No

Extracurricular and Volunteer Activities – Please describe any extracurricular activities that you are involved with and what they mean to you. Examples of extracurricular activities are school clubs, sports teams, youth organizations, and community service activities. **Please also include how you have been involved and for how long.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Family: _____
Of people in your household

Parent/Guardian 1: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Relation to you (check one): Father Mother Guardian

Address: _____
(please include street name and number, postal code, city, state/province)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employment/Occupation: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Relation to you: _____

Address: _____
(please include street name and number, postal code, city, state/province)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Did you attach a completed parental consent form? Yes No

LONG ESSAYS

Please respond to the essay question below. Write your answers in clear English and in your own words. If you need to please use a spare sheet of paper. Plagiarism will result in rejection of your application for consideration. This means that if your answers are the same as those of another applicant, both people will be disqualified.

1. What are you doing or what have you done in the community with the knowledge and life skills that you have been provided with as a STEAM Ambassador? (3rd- 5th grade only 250 words) (6th and up 350-500 words)

I certify that the information contained in this application, including all attachments and supporting credentials, is complete and correct.

Applicants Signature Date



Letter of Recommendation for the STEAM Ambassadors Program #1

Instructions: Recommendations should be made by one (1) teacher at your school or language institution and one (1) from an adult leader at an organization where you have volunteered or held a position of leadership or active membership for at least on year. These should be from adults who know the applicant and has knowledge of academic, personal and leadership qualities. The recommendations cannot be from a family member or friends.

This recommendation must be typed, or if it is written by hand, it must be legible. The recommendations must be submitted with your complete application to be eligible. **LETTERS ARRIVING LATE MAY DISQUALIFY AN APPLICATION.**

Our program requires a lot of one-on-one time with our students and can be a little intense at times. The applicant will be immersed in an academic environment with challenges and that will require patience and adjustment. To be successful, the applicant must have a high degree of motivation and the ability to get used to people of different social and cultural levels. Please be very honest in your evaluation of the applicant to help us determine whether this person is able to participate in this type of program. Please indicate, by checking the appropriate spaces, your evaluation of the characteristics of this person. If you wish, you can add comments, if so, please include another page.

To be filled out by the applicant:

Last Name, First Name (as provided on your application)

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

Email Address

To be filled out by the person giving the reference:

Full Name

Work/Title

Relationship to Applicant

Place of Employment

Email Address

Phone Number

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Good judgement and common sense					
Potential to be a leader					
Ability to engage with new situations					
Intellectual curiosity and imagination					
Ability to express oneself clearly					
Participation in the community and in extra-curricular activities					
Ability to complete and continue projects					
Sense of humor					

Comments:

What are the strong characteristics of this applicant?

How well do you think the applicant can adapt the student to new situations with a family from another culture?

How well do you think the applicant can collaborate with other members of your travel group to solve problems?

Please comment on the general ability of the student to participate in the program, including social and leadership skills.

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Letter of Recommendation for the STEAM Ambassadors Program #2

All applicants must submit authorization signed by the parent or legal guardian along with the application giving permission to participate in the STEAM Ambassadors Program. If this authorization is missing, the request will not be considered.

Applicant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian 1:

Full Name and Relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone and Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

Full Name and Relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone and Email: _____

Other Family

Names: _____

Relationship: _____

My son/daughter has my permission to request participation in the STEAM Ambassador Program and to participate fully if accepted.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

I guarantee that all information on this application is true and I agree that if the applicant is selected he/she will participate in ALL activities in the United States, including all field trips and activities to follow.

I also agree that if I am selected for the program I will participate fully for the duration of the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

