Student Teachers Enriching Proficiency through Service (STEPS)
Grant Opportunity valued at $500 up to $1,500

What is STEPS?

Education has become a very expensive commodity. Families are paying hefty price tags for cookie-cutter educational services from expensive corporations. At the same time, not enough is being done to ensure that students in marginalized and low-income communities have the resources, knowledge, or skills to take part in the technology industry that is our nation's future. STEPS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that translates the education industry's large market potential into a solution for the lack of access to up-to-date STEM resources for children from low-income communities. STEPS breaks the mold of both regular tutoring companies and non-profit education organizations by combining the two in a self-sustaining, revenue-generating model. We offer affordable and personalized peer-to-peer tutoring and college advising while donating 100% of profits in the form of STEM resources to low-income youth and other nonprofit organizations**.** Over the past year, STEPS has successfully raised over $10,000 from our services. While we have grown to be a successful nonprofit, we want to assist other local nonprofits.

Grant Announcement

STEPS is excited to announce that we are offering grants worth up to $1,500 grant to any nonprofit organization that reflects our goal of combating the educational disparities that hinder the potential of thousands of students. The selected organization must offer STEM programs that target underprivileged communities as well as be able to demonstrate impact within their community. With the grant money, the selected organization is expected to use the funds to provide educational services and/or resources for marginalized groups or other ventures relating to STEM.

We believe that by providing grants to other nonprofit organizations, we are able to make a larger, positive impact in the community.

Grant Details

- Grant valued at $500 up to $1,500 given to selected organization
- Organization is expected to use the money to fund educational programs/resources

Important Criteria

When selected an organization to receive the grant, we will be focusing on these traits

- Have traction and wide reach within their community (ex. large social media following)
- Offer programs/resources that help combat educational disparities in marginalized communities
- Clearly explain how they will utilize the grant funds to fund these programs/resources
- Willing to develop future partnership with STEPS

Eligibility

In order to qualify for this mini grant, STEPS is looking for a nonprofit that promotes STEM in impoverished communities. Each applicant must satisfy each of the following criteria:

- Be a nonprofit organization*
- Been an active organization for at least a year the date of applying
- Elaborate on their service and success in promoting STEM in impoverished communities
- Operating budget of less than $50,000 per year

Application Process

The application process will composed of the following:

- Rolling application that asks for background information about the organization
- 200-word response describing their mission and success
- 200-word response describing how the organization will utilize the money from this grant and the anticipated impact
- 100-word response describing how the organization has adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic
- A pre-scheduled 30-minute interview with STEPS leadership

The application can be found on our website at https://www.stepseducation.org/grant-foundation
STEPS is eager to learn more about each applicant. Through your responses and interview, we hope to fully understand your organization's missions and success within your community.

* The organization is not required to be an officially registered 501(c)3nonprofit organization. We are seeking to fund organizations that are providing a service at no charge.

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at steps.exec@gmail.com. We are glad to help.