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STEP (Success Through Education Program), administered by Educational Programs, Inc., is a cooperative venture between the college student who needs financial aid, the college to which he goes, and the local community. It provides summer employment for the student in local community agencies and organizations. It is an application of the College Work-Study provisions of the Higher Education Acts of 1965 and 1968 as enacted by the U. S. Congress.

STEP enables a young person enrolled in college, whether

an incoming Freshman or a graduate student, to live at home during the summer months and work in a local organization or agency in his home town or county and participate in the Work-Study Program of the college in which he is enrolled.

STEP has as its primary aim aiding the student to gather financial resources necessary to continue his higher education; however, its secondary objective of helping the local community to provide additional services, and make the student more aware of the community's problems, has proven to have significant value.

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STEP is designed to enable the student to attend college who otherwise would have little or no hope for a post-secondary education. It is part of the total program of financial aid which may be used by the student.

STEP aids the student by helping to provide summer employment opportunity in his own home community where he can live at home, keeping his expenses low, and earn money to be applied to the cost of college.

STEP participation begins for the student with an Application for Off-Campus College Work-Study (STEP), which should be submitted to the Student Financial Aid Officer of the college to which the student has applied

for enrollment. (If the student is not sure that the college is in STEP, he may send the application directly to E.P.I. The Student Financial Aid Officer determines the student's eligibility for participation in the program on two bases: 1. Has the student been accepted for admission to the college? 2. Will the student need this form of financial aid?

STEP begins processing for job placement upon receipt of the college certification of eligibility. The length of employment and the rate of pay is determined and payment is made directly to the student by the college; however, the agency in which the student works determines the manner of work and provides direct supervision.

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STEP benefits the college by enabling it to extend its Financial Aid Program to more students and/or more aid to each student. This is accomplished by allowing the student to work during a season when he may put in as many as 40 hours per week without interfering with his studies.

STEP makes it possible for a college to provide summer off-campus work-study opportunities for its eligible students at no cost to the college. STEP provides the college the funds necessary for its share of the College Work-Study Program under the Higher Education Act of 1968, plus the employer's share of Social Security coverage for the student. STEP also maintains Workmen's Compensation Insurance which covers the student and protects the college and local agency which utilizes the service of the student.

STEP enables a college to begin a program of financial aid for an incoming Freshman student, even before he arrives on the campus, and helps to maintain direct contact with students during the summer months.

STEP insures increased effectiveness of the college in its efforts to enrich the life of the communities and citizenry to which it is dedicated by its involvement through its students and the programs in which the students serve. Every program and community in which the student works tends to become a classroom through which the college teaches, and a laboratory through which the student learns.

STEP involvement for the college begins with the college applying for funds under the College Work-Study provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1968. The college certifies the eligibility of those students who could best utilize the type of financial aid afforded through STEP.

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STEP benefits the local community in many ways; these include:

- The utilization of the services of these students by local public agencies (e.g., Federal, state, county and municipal governments) and private non-profit organizations (such as Boy Scouts, Red Cross, United Fund, Community Action Programs, certain civic groups and certain church programs) to extend the services of these agencies to the general community. Students have been found to be extremely valuable in services involving recreation, clerical skills, maintenance, tutoring, health and welfare services, research and surveys, conservation and agriculture.
- A resource for recruiting and screening future personnel for agencies and organizations using the services of these students by developing their interest and involvement in the programs of these agencies.

- An opportunity to involve these students in the problems of the community and the solutions to these problems, thereby giving them insight which makes stronger citizens.

- Expressions of interest and concern for young students who are willing to work in order to accomplish their educational goal.

- Making possible a college education for young people who might otherwise not be able to continue their education, while involving them in local responsibilities so that a larger percentage of educated leadership returns to the home community.

STEP participation by an agency or organization which uses the services of the student(s) involves an agreement to provide adequate supervision for the student(s), weekly time reports, and 30% of the student's gross earnings.

STEP provides for local involvement in student placement through a local coordinating committee. Assistance in organizing this committee is available through the STEP office.

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STEP is a program administered by Educational Programs, Inc., a private non-profit agency chartered under the laws of the State of Kentucky. The purpose of E.P.I. is to develop ideas into structured plans, develop resources and implement programs of educational or service nature for young people. Priority will be given to programs serving the Southeast region of the U. S., because of its high level of need.

E.P.I. receives a small administrative fee through STEP. To expand and offer opportunities to additional young people, private support is necessary (contributions are deductible for income tax purposes and may be sent directly to E.P.I.).

The future of E.P.I. is limited only by the imaginative enthusiasm of those committed to the service of their fellow man and the financial resources available to implement services. It is expected, for instance, that STEP will cover all 50 of the United States by 1975 and hoped that additional programs will also be implemented which meet other needs of young people.

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