

## What is The Steppingstone Academy?

The Steppingstone Academy is an out-of-school program that provides Boston fourth and fifth graders with the academic tools and social skills to be successful in middle school and beyond. Steppingstone students - called Scholars - are motivated to graduate from college and ready to work hard to achieve that goal.

## How does The Steppingstone Academy help students go to college?

Steppingstone Scholars and their families work with Steppingstone to apply to the best middle schools in Boston. At their new schools, Scholars are surrounded by other students who love learning and teachers who expect the very best. Throughout middle school, high school, and college, Steppingstone provides Scholars with advising, counseling, tutoring, college-readiness support, and more. By dedicating themselves to their education from a young age, Scholars achieve remarkable things. In fact, 90% of students who complete our program go to college.

## Is the program all work?

Sure, there is a lot of hard work ahead. But Steppingstone teachers show curious students how to make learning fun; it's a skill that will last a lifetime. Plus, Steppingstone Scholars have opportunities like overnight retreats, electives, field days, and more.



## Who should apply to The Steppingstone Academy? We look for students who:

- are in fourth or fifth grade
- live in Boston
- love learning, enjoy a challenge, and are doing well in school
- would thrive in a classroom with other motivated students
- have family support
- would not otherwise have the opportunity to access Boston's top private and public exam schools

## How do you start the journey?

When your student begins fourth or fifth grade, call Steppingstone at **617-423-6300** or visit our website at **[www.tsf.org/apply](http://www.tsf.org/apply)** to request an application and find out when you can come meet Steppingstone Scholars, parents, and staff!

## During their first 14 months at Steppingstone, Scholars benefit from:

- six weeks of fun, challenging summer classes for two summers
- engaging Wednesday after-school and Saturday classes for one academic year
- small class sizes that allow for lots of individual attention from experienced teachers
- challenging homework to strengthen math, reading, and writing skills
- guidance and support applying to some of the top middle schools and high schools in the greater Boston area

## During middle school, high school, and college, Scholars receive:

- weekly homework assistance
- tutoring, mentoring, and counseling
- college application and financial aid workshops
- college tours & SAT prep classes
- career readiness support
- personal advisors, and in college, a College Success Coach, who help Scholars find great summer programs, research colleges, and make professional connections



“As a Steppingstone Scholar, you have a great support system with you at all times. You know that Steppingstone is going to be there every step of the way, ready to help you at any moment.”

- Sharif Campbell  
*Steppingstone Class of 2008*

“Who wouldn’t want something better for their child? I wouldn’t have been able to help my son get to college on my own. As a free program, Steppingstone helps us give our children more.”

- Lynette Jones  
*Steppingstone parent*

A tuition-free program that supports your child from fifth grade to college graduation.

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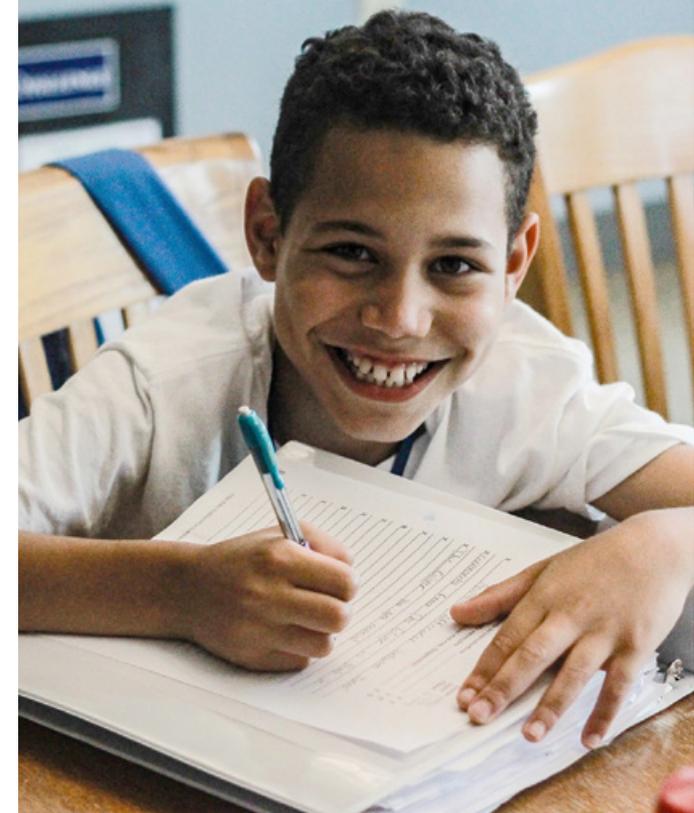
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