

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Gateway Academy 2010

Your school must currently offer a PLTW program to register for a 2010 Gateway Academy. Only PLTW certified teachers may teach a Gateway Academy. Complete the registration form by clicking on the link below and email to Jessica Saskowicz at jsaskowicz@pltw.org by January 19, 2010.

http://www.pltw.org/Engineering/downloads/GatewayAcademy_RegistrationForm.xls

If you would like to be considered for a \$2,000 SME-EF grant, please be sure to complete the relevant section at the bottom of the registration form.

If you have any questions, or need more information about the Gateway Academy Summer Youth Program, please contact Jessica Saskowicz at jsaskowicz@pltw.org

SME Education Foundation Grants

The SME Education Foundation will also consider grant applications for sMe Institutes™, Gateway Camps, STEPS camps and other programs that meet our grant [guidelines](#).

What is an sMe Institute™?

The summer Manufacturing experience (sMe) Institute is a highly specialized summer program, linked directly to industry, for upper level students in PLTW high school programs. The institute utilizes strong industry involvement to link students to specific career pathways and provide direction towards post secondary educational options.

What is a Gateway Camp?

Designed for elementary school students using the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) "A World in Motion" curriculum, the camp is intended to recruit young students into the math, science, and engineering curriculum in middle and high school. Gateway Camps are implemented in locations that have Engineering is Elementary programs in their elementary school curriculum and middle school and high school Project Lead The Way programs.

What is STEPS?

Science Technology Engineering Preview Summer (STEPS) camp is a one-week introduction to the world of technology and engineering. Campers participate in activities that will give them hands-on experience with high tech equipment and processes.

What type of information is collected for evaluation purposes?

Each recipient of an SME Education Foundation grant will submit an online final report with information regarding the number of students enrolled, gender, and ethnicity of students attending the specific program and the number of students considering pursuing a STEM discipline as a career.

The final reports are due within two (2) weeks of the last day of the camp.

How do I apply for a SME Education Foundation Grant?

You may apply online at www.smeef.org/grants, beginning January 4, 2010. The application will close on February 15, 2010.