



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Step Up Reach Out, the innovative, international leadership program created by the University of Texas Health Science Center, Gulf States Hemophilia and Thrombophilia Center (UTHS) and administered by the Lone Star Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation. The Lone Star Chapter is supported by a charitable contribution from Bayer HealthCare. Step Up Reach Out is a unique educational resource that will help to build tomorrow's leaders in the bleeding disorders community.

Young men selected for the program will join with their counterparts from different parts of the world in receiving specialized, hands-on training and coaching to develop their leadership skills. There is no cost to participants or their families for Step Up Reach Out travel, accommodation or program expenses, other than obtaining passports and visas (if applicable).

Our website, [www.stepupreachout.net](http://www.stepupreachout.net), contains complete program information, and an easy, on-line application procedure. Space in the program is limited due to our worldwide scope and our goal of offering this opportunity to young men of all backgrounds and economic status. To join Step Up Reach Out, begin by confirming that you meet the following criteria, which apply to all participants:

- » Diagnosed with hemophilia A or B (all severities)
- » Between the ages of 18 to 24
- » Able to self-infuse your factor concentrate, and access to factor for the duration of conference dates (no factor or infusion assistance can be provided during the program)
- » Proficient in written and spoken English
- » Able to attend all program sessions
- » Ability to travel unaccompanied with appropriate visa and/or passport
- » Able to fulfill all aspects of the program's application process

The sessions will be hosted in different cities and will be attended by a diverse group of young men determined to make a difference in their communities. We will be accepting applications online at [www.stepupreachout.net](http://www.stepupreachout.net) until the closing date of Sunday, May 31, 2009. To be sure that your application is processed smoothly, please follow these additional instructions carefully:

- » Provide at least one letter of reference from a teacher, care provider, employer or others able to recommend your participation. This letter can be attached to your online application or faxed
- » Be sure that the information on all program forms and documents, including phone numbers and email addresses, is correct
- » Submit the application and other documents by the dates indicated on [www.stepupreachout.net](http://www.stepupreachout.net)

A program coordinator will notify you via E-mail in June about your acceptance status, so be sure to provide a reliable E-mail address. If you are selected, further instructions and travel information will be provided for you.

Additional details about Step Up Reach Out are contained in the attached program overview. If you have any questions about the format, curriculum or application process, please contact me at the University of Texas Health Science Center, via E-mail at this address: [application@stepupreachout.net](mailto:application@stepupreachout.net)

Thanks again for your interest!  
Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Kuebler".

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