INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE
2027 CISV PITTSBURGH STEP UP 14 and 15 APPLICATION

Step Up 14 - Born July 1, 2012 - October 31, 2013

Step Up 15 - Born September 1, 2011 – October 31, 2012

Application deadline is December 9, 2026, at 11:59 pm. We will accept applications after that date. However, preference will be given to those who have submitted their applications by the deadline. Please note that CISV Pittsburgh has the discretion to cancel this program if not filled.

- ❏ **Delegate Application:** Complete the online **2027 Delegate Application - Step Up.** A preview of the questions and information needed to complete the form is included below. Please enter all responses in the online form.
- ❏ **Delegate References:** Copy, paste and share YOUTH DELEGATE REFERENCE FORM via online link (below): **https://forms.gle/MeEv9gvH3W14Qmwr7**
- ❏ Share with two referral sources:
  - ❏ One to school (teacher or principal)
  - ❏ The second to a non-family member who knows your child in a non-school setting (coach, youth leader, family friend, etc.).

  Request that the references be completed as soon as possible and submitted online.
- ❏ **Application Fee Payment:** Pay the $50 nonrefundable application fee.
- ❏ **CISV USA Membership Payment:** Pay the $50 CISV USA Membership fee at https://memberportal.cisvusa.org/

CISV Pittsburgh Scholarship Application

Please email pittsburgh@cisvusa.org with questions or concerns.

The 2027 Delegate Application - Step Up asks the following questions of delegates and parents. While the form will save your progress if you are logged into a google account, the questions below are provided to better prepare you to complete the application. Should you have any questions about the application process, please email pittsburgh@cisvusa.org with questions or concerns.

Demographic information

- Applicant name, birthday, gender identity, address, email, and cell phone number (if applicable)
- Applicant school, grade level, and principal
- Parent contact information for each parent

Youth Delegate Responses

Please have your child complete the following questions

- Recent photo of applicant
- Language Ability - Please list each language other than English the applicant has experience with and indicate level of comfort with speaking, reading, and listening with understanding
- What are your interests and hobbies?

- What are your activities outside of school?
- How did you learn about CISV?
- What is your CISV background?

Step Up Supplemental

Please have your child complete the following questions

- What type of leadership experiences have you had?
- Why would you like to participate in a CISV Step Up?
- What skills do you have to contribute in a CISV Step Up?
- What do you think you can learn from a CISV Step Up?
- Step Up stresses Peace Education and develops youth leadership through cooperative activities. What is your interpretation of this statement?

Parent/Guardian Information

CISV requires that both custodial parents/guardians sign this application form (see last page for signature lines), thus confirming that the applicant has permission from both custodial parents/guardians to travel. If an applicant is selected, all additional required CISV forms can be signed by just one custodial parent/guardian, unless CISV is informed in advance of custody issues that make necessary the signatures of both.

- Check the option that best describes your situation: Parents/guardians are married, Parents/guardians are divorced and share legal custody, Parents/guardians are divorced and one has full legal custody, Parents/guardians are not married but share legal custody, Parents/guardians are not married and one has full legal custody, Non-parent legal guardian has full legal custody, Other
- If one parent or legal guardian has full custody, please provide name here:
- Why do you want your child to participate in CISV?
- What are your current volunteer activities?
- I understand that if my child is selected, a physician's declaration of my child's health and fitness for CISV participation will be required.

Parent Commitment

We ask that every family volunteer 20 hours per year toward helping CISV carry out its programs.

PLEASED BE ADVISED THAT EVENT PARTICIPATION AND VOLUNTEERING BY THE FAMILY ARE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR SELECTION PROCESS.

- I commit to the minimum requirements, listed above
- Below is a list of committees in the Pittsburgh Chapter. Please indicate your interest in at least ONE area. We will follow up with more information:
    - Co-President
    - Website Manager
    - Recruitment Committee
    - Communications Committee
    - Spring Fundraiser Committee
    - I am already in a board position
    - I am already on a committee
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- If you are a board/committee member already, please state your position
- Please let us know if you have special skills or training such as WordPress, accounting, communications, marketing, fundraising, social media, etc.

Step Up Family Responsibilities

National Code of Conduct Agreement

National Travel Policy