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# 2021 STEM Girl Power Camp – Teacher Applicant Information

The study and practice of science, technology, engineering and mathematics is collectively known as STEM. The STEM Girl Power Camp is an initiative of *Advancing education: An action plan for education in Queensland*. The camp aims to encourage girls to participate in STEM by engaging Year 10 girls in a range of exciting STEM experiences. The girls are also invited to be a STEM ambassador at their school and to inspire other students.

The fifth annual STEM Girl Power Camp will be held in Brisbane from 17–21 May 2021. The camp will bring together Year 10 girls from across Queensland who show high achievement in STEM-related subjects at school and an active interest in their school community.

Up to 60 students will be invited to the STEM Girl Power Camp in 2021 from across Queensland’s seven regions. Teachers with a passion for STEM are invited to apply to be regional camp leaders travelling with and supervising students and participating at the camp.

**How to apply**

1. State schools in Queensland are invited to nominate a teacher to attend the camp. The principal will need to nominate and register the teacher. Click on the [Entrant Portal](https://www.e-awards.com.au/2021/stemgirlpowercamp/newentry/index.php) and submit the teacher’s details.
2. The teacher will receive an email to access the Entrant Portal to complete their application. ***\*Check your other email folders if not received in the inbox.***
3. The teacher will provide the following information:
	* Describe their motivation for applying
		+ Why are you passionate about STEM and wish to participate in this program? (maximum 300 words)
		+ How do you envisage this camp will benefit you, your students and school community? Outline how you intend to build participation in STEM at your school on your return. (maximum 300 words)
	* Describe their previous camp chaperone experience
		+ Outline previous experience chaperoning school or other groups indicating year, place and purpose. (maximum 300 words)
		+ Outline what you believe are key responsibilities for chaperones when accompanying students for camps and study tours. You may outline how you have undertaken the task previously. (maximum 300 words)
	* Applicants may wish to include a professional reference from an individual outside of the school as part of their application.
4. The principal is required to provide a statement of endorsement of the teacher application. (maximum 300 words)
5. Upon submission of the completed application the teacher and the principal will receive a confirmation email.

(All forms can be downloaded from the Entrant Portal. Once completed all forms need to be uploaded to the Entrant Portal to finalise the application submission.)

Completed applications (including attachments) are due to be submitted on the [Entrant Portal](https://www.e-awards.com.au/2021/stemgirlpowercamp/newentry/index.php) by ***5pm on Wednesday 28 October 2020***.

Teachers will be selected based on a selection panel’s assessment of each application.

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| **TERMS AND CONDITIONS*** This program is open for participation by Queensland state secondary school teachers only.
* Only one teacher may be nominated by each school.
* The selection panel may select participants based on departmental strategic priorities which may include distributing opportunities for travel evenly throughout the Department’s service delivery regions.
* The selection panel may select participants with consideration of how many trips they have undertaken in the previous three years.
* The decision of the selection panel will be final. Feedback will be provided upon request.

**ELIGIBILITY**To be eligible to apply as a leader for the 2021 STEM Girl Power Camp the applicant must: * be a registered teacher in a Queensland state high school (or college, or academy);
* commit to STEM Girl Power Camp Initiative activities throughout the year.
* hold a current first aid certificate (copy of first aid certificate will be required);
* be in good health and fit for travel and camp activities (for example laboratory activities and walking between events);
* be prepared to abide by the [Queensland Code of Ethics for Teachers](https://www.qct.edu.au/standards-and-conduct/code-of-ethics);
* be prepared to advise the Department of any changes that may affect participation (e.g. health, family or school requirements);
* be willing to participate in all activities arranged by the organisers;
* participate in pre-camp briefings; and
* be available to travel from **Monday 17 May 2021 – Friday 21 May 2021**;
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**Privacy Statement:**

The Department of Education (DoE), through State Schools Division, is collecting your personal information for the purposes of assessing/contacting applicants and for organising and planning the 2021 STEM Girl Power Camp and STEM Girl Power Initiative activities during the year. The information will only be accessed by DoE staff administering the 2021 STEM Girl Power Initiative and in some cases, authorised community and/or Department representatives assisting DoE in the selection of participants. Successful applicants’ information will be disclosed to the STEM Girl Power Initiative organisers, travel providers and external program operators (for example laboratory session managers) for planning and administration of camp organisation and activities or STEM Girl Power Initiative activities during the year. Your information will not be used by, or disclosed to any other person or entity unless we have your consent, or DoE is required or authorised by law to do so.

**Nominations close *5.00 pm Wednesday 28 October 2020.***

**Successful applicants will be advised by the end of Term 4 2020.**