



**S.T.A.R.S.**  
Soaring To Achieve Real Success

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**S.T.A.R.S.**  
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EFFECTIVE CAREER & COLLEGE  
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## GREETINGS CORPORATE SPONSOR!

I wanted to take a moment and let you know about a unique opportunity for your company to impact the lives of young people in your community. For the 8th consecutive year, the Go Hard for Christ Youth Ministry and Teen Train Inc. have teamed up to offer the S.T.A.R.S. Program.

The program spans 7 weeks and will train, expose, and provide opportunities for academic enrichment, mentoring, college and career education, STEM Robotic Programming, team building, and leadership skills development for youth.

## THE MISSION

The mission of The S.T.A.R.S. Program is simple, to expose urban and suburban youth to effective career and college preparation, planning, and implementation strategies.





# WHY S.T.A.R.S.?

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That's what S.T.A.R.S. is about. From our mission to our staff and educators, our goal is to provide practical strategies that young people can use in their daily professional lives. Our curriculum covers topics ranging from STEM Robotic Programming, resumé writing, character building, business etiquette, and even how to fill out a college application.

# ABOUT S.T.A.R.S.

## PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The purpose of The S.T.A.R.S Program is to provide its students with:

- Career education/ job readiness skills
- Exposure to the STEM Project based model
- Professional networking, etiquette and presentation skills
- Character development and leadership skills
- Conflict resolution strategies
- Effective Communication Skills
- Academic enrichment
- Goal setting & time management skills
- Mentoring
- Life skills



Students after receiving their S.T.A.R.S completion certificates



Students gaining information about college options at Benedictine University



Students on a fieldtrip



Students participating in a mock interview

# S.T.A.R.S. IS DIFFERENT

We believe that our program truly is unique. Not only do we train youth to be ready both academically and professionally, but we also reward them for doing so. Similarly, to how the business environment works, our students are given the opportunity to earn bonuses based upon their success in the program. We also take our students on fieldtrips and allow them to intern at different local businesses in order for them to gain real working experience.

## PARTNER WITH US

We hope that you will consider partnering with us to help impact the lives of Chicago's youth. In the following pages you'll find more information about S.T.A.R.S. as well as information on how you can partner with us

Please contact David Winston at [dswinston@livingwd.org](mailto:dswinston@livingwd.org) if you have questions. We look forward to partnering with you!

Sincerely,

*David S. Winston*

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Youth Pastor  
LWCC

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*Dwayne Smith*

Dwayne Smith  
Founder of Teen-Train Inc.



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**There are many ways your organization can get involved:**

## SPONSOR A FIELDTRIP

Part of the S.T.A.R.S. Program's focus is on exposing our students to new opportunities! We'll often use fieldtrips as a means to accomplish this goal. In the past, we've visited the Chicago Stock Exchange, area businesses and corporations as well as visited retreat centers to learn the importance of team building. Your organization can sponsor an existing S.T.A.R.S. fieldtrip or have us come to you and learn more about what it takes to remain competitive in your industry.

**\$500**

## SPONSOR A S.T.A.R.S. STUDENT

Though we don't charge our students anything, the STARS Program does carry a monetary cost. By sponsoring a student, your organization will make it possible for a student to receive instruction program materials, bonuses based upon their success, as well as participate in the various fieldtrips throughout the duration of the program. Your organization can even sponsor multiple students!

**\$1,320**

## SPONSOR MATERIALS

S.T.A.R.S. students read a variety of books as well as learn our STEM curriculum using robotic and STEM kits.

**\$2,600**

## GIVE A MONETARY DONATION

If your organization would simply like to give a monetary gift, we'd appreciate it! Your gift will go towards the purchase of program materials for students, administrative fees, and transportation costs.

**All Contributions made to the S.T.A.R.S. Program are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.**

**Make your checks payable to Living Word Christian Center**

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**~WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU!~**

As a way to thank our generous corporate sponsors, we'd like to invite you to our end of the program banquet in July. At this banquet, students will share what they learned throughout the program as well and be recognized for their achievements. We'll also be sure to recognize those that made the program possible, you our generous sponsors.

# S.T.A.R.S. RESULTS

Over the years at the conclusion of S.T.A.R.S. we've surveyed parents and students, consistently; S.T.A.R.S. has excelled in these program benchmarks:

## SELF ESTEEM

*"If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish."*

-SAM WALTON

- 90% of parents noticed an improvement in their child's self-esteem
- 88% of students agreed that S.T.A.R.S. helped to build their self-esteem

## CAREER READINESS

*"One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation."*

-ARTHUR ASHE

- 100% of parents felt that S.T.A.R.S. equipped their child with a step by step plan to obtain their career goals.

## EXPOSURE TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES

*"We pay a price when we deprive children of the exposure to the values, principles, and education they need to make them good citizens."*

-SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

- 91% of students agreed that the addition of robotics opened their eyes to a new type of learning

## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

*"Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."*

-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

- ALL of our parents & students agreed that S.T.A.R.S. equips its participants with spiritual tools that assist in their character development.