



September- December

Teachers and staff
nominate students

Following Nomination

Steppingstone
contacts the family
with next steps

November - December

Teachers may request a
classroom visit from
Steppingstone staff

by January 14th

Teacher and family submit
all parts of application

Steppingstone Scholar Candidate Profile

- Students must be in **4th** or **5th** grade during the 2025-26 school year **AND Boston residents** to apply
- ~70% of accepted Scholars are nominated** by their teacher
- Average ELA and Math GPA of 3.0 and above
- Meeting Expectations (~500) on ELA and Math MCAS
- ELD Level 4, 5, or none



Admission Considerations	Evaluated based on:
Scholar demonstrates readiness for an academic challenge and additional homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Recommendation Report card MCAS and/or MAP
Family demonstrates need for a tuition-free, college-access program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/guardian higher education Parent/guardian income
Family actively supports the Scholar's education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family application responses Teacher Recommendation Interview
Scholar and family are motivated and willing to commit to full program timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family application responses Interview
Scholar and family are interested in exploring new school options for 6th or 7th grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family application responses Interview