

# AT&T Aspire: Urban League of Greater Kansas City

## *Graduating Students, One Community at a Time*



### Program Description:

Organized in 1919, the Urban League of Greater Kansas City is a community based not-for-profit organization governed by a volunteer interracial Board of Directors. The mission of the Urban League of Greater Kansas City is to achieve equality and promote socio-economic opportunity to improve the quality of life of African Americans and others. With a vision to be recognized as the premier race relations organization that sets the agenda to drive change in the areas of education, personal, professional and economic development, the Urban League's empowerment agenda focuses on four program areas: education, employment, race relations and leadership development.

The Urban League will use AT&T Aspire funding to help support Project STEM: Future Leaders Action Collaborative. This effort combines academic skill building, leadership development, positive support networks and college/career readiness training with STEM innovation to ensure that at-risk students in the Hickman Mills School District achieve success in high school and subsequently attend college or successfully move into the workforce.

Students will work closely with the Urban League staff to develop Individual Success Plans that outline academic, college and career goals. They will be engaged in individual and small group tutoring sessions designed to achieve content mastery and academic excellence in the fields of science, math, engineering, technology, reading and language arts. Other key program components include strong parental engagement, preparation for ACT testing/college entrance exams, annual Infinite Scholars Scholarship Fair, college tours and an annual Project STEM Enrichment Camp, during which student teams will be tasked with identifying learning objectives, developing strategies and problem solving.



**Students:**  
30



**Funding:**  
\$100,000

- The Urban League of Kansas City believes in empowerment through education to ensure that every child is ready for college, work and life.
- Since 2009, the League of Greater Kansas City's Education Empowerment Center has worked to improve educational opportunities for African-American and underserved students by developing innovative programs to support their academic achievement and to encourage their civic engagement.

"The Urban League of Greater Kansas City applauds AT&T for helping more students graduate from high school ready for college and careers through its Aspire program. Moreover, we are honored to be the recipient of an AT&T Aspire Local Impact contribution to support Project STEM. Thanks to AT&T, the Urban League, YMCA of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City STEM Alliance, and UMKC School of Computing and Engineering, will provide academic supports, life-skills education, and STEM enrichment activities for 30 Hickman Mills Junior High School Freshmen."

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