

DIGITAL BADGE & SKILLCOIN REWARDS MICRO-CREDENTIALING SYSTEM™



The Revolution of STEAM Education

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STEAM EDUCATION & LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COURSE



Program Digital Badge Collection

Career Awareness & Exploration

Personal effectiveness competencies are generally learned in the home or community and reinforced at school and in the workplace. Our first level of achievement focuses on career awareness and exploration and is represented by our Program Badge Digital Collection. It awards micro-credentials when learners reflect a commitment to lifelong learning based on deliverables that identify learned “soft skills” and show the development of their life’s mission, roles and goals.




Instructions: Use this checklist to earn the following digital badges and document successful completion of activities. Submit proof of work using the links provided.

Digital Badge	Competency	Applied STEAM Skills & Deliverables	Date Completed
	STEAM Careers I Recognize the connection between your interests, capabilities and aptitudes for securing a STEAM career	✓ Identify your personal values as it relates to a chosen STEAM career pathway or the STEAM industry	
		✓ Compare how your individual needs and wants relate to what is required to acquire high-demand STEAM skills and careers	
		✓ Identify your current strengths to determine your ability to meet the needs of your desired STEAM career pathway	
	STEAM Careers II Identify and explore any vocational areas of interest that enhance your current STEAM skillset	✓ Identify 2-3 specific STEAM career pathways or vocational areas you are interested in that are located within your community	
		✓ Identify 2-3 local STEAM career professionals that are currently working in your chosen career pathway or STEAM industry within your community	
		✓ Submit excerpts from the biographies, articles and/or resumes of local STEAM career professionals that would make them a good mentor or resource for career advice	

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	FAFSA Explore financial aid options for college, vocational training, industry certification, military, continuing ed or entrepreneurship	✓ Explain how, when, and where to locate and apply for financial aid, grants, fellowships, scholarships and other funding assistance opportunities	
		✓ Explain the difference between an educational grant and loan with an understanding of having a plan to avoid debt	
		✓ Complete your FAFSA application form	
	Mission Statement Develop a plan for a technical or vocational career, post-secondary education, and/or entrepreneurial venture	✓ Develop a written mission statement for your impact solution	
		✓ Develop a written plan of action that focuses on the steps and time required to successfully secure mentors and resources within your community	
	Salary Research the education, qualifications and required experiences for salary ranges within your STEAM career pathway	✓ Use the internet to research the education, qualifications and required experiences that would make you eligible for an internship or as a job candidate for 2-3 STEAM industries at the entry level position	
		✓ Submit 2-3 salary summary reports that illustrate the current marketplace value within your STEAM career pathway	
		✓ Determine if your projected salary in the current marketplace would sustain your desired lifestyle	