



### ***STEP Bulgaria 2009 Summer Academy***

*(A joint project of Step for Bulgaria Foundation, WorldTeach, Junior Achievement Alumni Club Bulgaria, and University of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bulgaria)*

Step for Bulgaria Foundation invites you to participate as a teaching volunteer in this year's Summer Academy.

STEP Bulgaria Summer academy is an educational program for Bulgarian youth living without parental care. For a third consecutive year, the program will take place with the participation of American and Bulgarian volunteer teachers and underprivileged youth from across the country. The summer academy aims at the successful social integration of the young participants, who need to prepare for their life outside of the orphanage. Our focus is on teaching English, computer literacy and practical skills to support the youth's independent life as university students or young employees. For the first time this year, STEP Bulgaria 2009 features individual career planning sessions. In 2009, we expect 40 teenagers from Sofia, Plovdiv, Berkovitsa and Gabrovo to participate.

*Our organization looks for dedicated volunteers who are:*

- *excited about teaching and interacting with underprivileged teenagers (ages 12-18)*
- *good team members, ready to collaborate with other volunteers and contribute to the teaching teams' objectives*
- *creative, independent thinkers who feel comfortable involving a group of students in stimulating class activities*
- *responsible individuals, adhering to the high ethical standards demanded for the successful implementation of the Summer Academy*

**If you believe you have the above qualities and are excited about participating in the Academy, please send in your application request to [stepbulgaria@gmail.com](mailto:stepbulgaria@gmail.com). Please make sure you can take part during the entirety of the Summer Academy:**

***Dates: June 29 – July 18, 2009***

***Location: Rusalka Hotel (10km from Varna)***

**Once you submit your application request, we'll get back to you with the application form we ask you to fill out. The deadline to send us back the application is May 30.**

**Decisions about Summer Academy 2009 accepted volunteers will be announced by June 15, 2009.**