

# Steel Yard Summer 2020: Camp Sparkle Application

Camp Sparkle is a 2-week LGBTQ+ youth day camp providing training in the industrial arts. Eight campers, age 14-18, spend the first week in small scale metals, learning jewelry and metalsmithing techniques. Having built up their confidence in smaller metals, they take a step up in scale and learn welding.

By empowering LGBTQ+ youth and building community within the industrial arts, Camp Sparkle fosters free expression of gender and sexuality in an environment of self-discovery and creativity. The camps provide a welcoming, safe environment where youth can explore and express their identities within the space of making.

In addition to acquiring skills in jewelry & welding, the curriculum includes a strong focus on the development of personal resiliency and agency through understanding and affirmation of personal identities and acquisition of skills in small and large scale metals fabrication.

It is also an objective for the camp to uplift the voices of queer people—all instructors and speakers identify as queer—and to affirm and normalize the campers’ identities and experiences.

Spots in Camp Sparkle are limited, and in order to build a supportive cohort, we ask that interested campers complete the application below. This application includes 3 parts:

- Demographic Information
- A Statement of Financial Need
- A Personal Statement

\* Required

## Demographic Information

1. Full Name \*

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2. Telephone \*

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3. Address

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4. City \*

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5. State \*

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6. Zip Code \*

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7. Contact E-mail \*

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8. Date of Birth \*

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*Example: January 7, 2019*

9. Gender Identity \*

Mark only one oval.

Female

Male

Non-Binary

Agender

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Grade entering in Fall 2020 \*

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Applicant History

11. Have you taken courses at The Steel Yard, or have you applied for a camp previously? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

12. If you have taken a course, please tell us about your experience and why you're applying again.

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13. Camp Sparkle is a 2 week camp that runs August 3rd-14th, Monday-Friday from 10:00AM - 3:30PM. \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- I am able to attend both weeks of Camp Sparkle.
- I have a scheduling conflict! I've described that below...

14. I have a scheduling conflict on... :

**Financial  
Information**

Camp Sparkle is committed to financial accessibility. We recognize that not all LGBTQ+ youth are able to afford this opportunity. Tuition includes food & snacks, bus passes, & course materials. In total, the true cost of Camp Sparkle is roughly \$850 per student. We offer FULL scholarships to those who are interested, but would otherwise be unable to pay the tuition.

However, we do ask that those who might have more financial resources pay for part of their enrollment by taking a partial scholarship. In selecting to receive a partial scholarship, more funding is available for all of our youth summer campers. All contributions can be made on a sliding scale\*. Enrollment decisions ARE NOT based on ability to pay for your enrollment.

\*Our sliding scale pricing system encourages purchases based on a camper's ability to pay instead of setting a fixed price for all customers.

15. Are you interested in a partial scholarship? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

16. How much would you be able to pay towards your enrollment? \*

Mark only one oval.

- \$50
- \$100
- \$150
- \$200
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement  
of  
Financial  
Need

To give us a better understanding of your financial need, please provide a paragraph or so statement of your financial need. Some potential information to include (but not required):

- What do your parent(s) or guardian(s) do for work?
- Would your parents be able to or willing to pay partially or fully for this opportunity?
- Do you work part time? If so, does that help you to support your family or your own needs?
- Do you have any other sources of financial support?
- What are your financial obligations?

17. In the space below, please provide us with a short (1 paragraph or so) statement of your financial need. \*

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Personal Statement

Please respond to the following three questions:

18. Why do you wish to be considered? \*

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19. At this point in time, how do you identify on the queer (LGBTQ+) spectrum? How does that impact you? \*

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20. What is something that you have made recently that you have been proud of? \*

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21. If you would like to include images of your work, please include a link here.

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