



WORKFORCE TRAINING : WELDING

FALL 2020 PROGRAM DATES: 8/31 – 9/4, Monday through Friday, 9:30am – 4:00pm

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday August 7, 2020

STIPEND: A stipend of \$175 will be made payable upon successful completion of the program.

WHAT IS THE STEEL YARD: The Steel Yard is an award-winning industrial arts center, a manufacturer of custom and functional public art, a craft school, and shared studio in the Industrial Valley neighborhood of Providence, RI. Our 12,000 square foot industrial shop includes welding, blacksmithing, iron casting, jewelry, and ceramics studios. We offer arts and technical training programs designed to increase opportunities for cultural and artistic expression, career building, and small business incubations. The Steel Yard's programs cater to working artists, students, community members, trades people, art educators, and entrepreneurs.

WHAT IS WORKFORCE TRAINING: Our workforce training program is a paid job-readiness program designed to widen participants' employable skills thus making participants more eligible for a variety of jobs in local industries. This one-week intensive program will introduce participants to studio safety, creative problem solving and basic metalworking tools such as the: drill press, band saw, chop saw, angle grinder, oxy-acetylene torch, plasma cutter, and MIG welder. These skills will be applied to a public project that will be installed in the local community.

WHEN IS THE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM: The Steel Yard hosts a single-week training program that provides 35 hours of training in an industrial metal shop. The training program runs Monday through Friday, 9:30am – 4:30pm, applicants must be available to attend the entire week. Qualified applicants are required to participate in a 15-minute telephone interview, and will then be notified of acceptance ASAP.

WHAT WILL I GET WHEN I COMPLETE THE PROGRAM: Participants that successfully complete the training receive a stipend of \$175, a Steel Yard metalworking certificate of completion, eligible to apply for the paid apprenticeship program at The Steel Yard, and complimentary access to three Community Studio Access sessions. Successful graduates will be eligible for further paid opportunities at The Steel Yard.

WHAT IS THE FOLLOW-UP PAID APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: This program is built around The Steel Yard's Public Projects program of building community-based public art, while borrowing from the tradition of guild apprenticeship. This opportunity will provide 20 hours of work each week in the Public Projects department, paid at a livable wage for 3 months following the initial training.

WHO QUALIFIES:

To be eligible for this program, applicants must be:

- A Rhode Island resident, aged 18 and above
- Able to attend the full program - all day, every day
- Has not been convicted of a Major Felony, including sexually-based crimes
- Physically able to participate in an industrial shop
- Able to read and understand English

This program is designed to create equity in Central Providence. Therefore, preference will be given to applicants

- Living in Central Providence (Valley, Federal Hill, Olneyville, Hartford)
- Who have faced significant barriers due to injustice and oppression
- Struggling to make ends meet
- Who are not currently enrolled in school or part of an alternative academic program

TO APPLY: Return completed application to The Steel Yard. To be considered, applicants must be available to be interviewed by telephone. Due to the high volume of applications, please note that applicants who are not eligible will not be interviewed. Participants are selected based on need and the quality of the telephone interview.

QUESTIONS: Feel free to contact The Steel Yard at workforce@theesteelyard.org or by phone at 401-273-7101

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Date Received : _____

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Applicant Full Name : _____ Date of Birth : _____
Age: _____ Gender: [] Male [] Female [] Non-binary/third gender [] Choose not to disclose
Street Address : _____ City : _____
State : _____ Zip : _____ Phone number : _____
Email: _____
Currently in school? [] Yes [] No Last grade completed : _____ Best time for interview : _____ TIME to _____ TIME

List any previous arts, industrial or manufacturing experience/instruction, if any : _____

Why are you interested in participating in this program? _____

What do you plan to do with the skills you learn in this program? _____

Please share your experience being part of a team : _____

How did you hear about this program? Please provide name/organization and contact information : _____

Are you able to perform the physical requirements needed to learn metalworking? [] Yes [] No

100% attendance is expected. Will you be able to attend class all day, every day? [] Yes [] No

Are you currently receiving any public assistance? [] Yes [] No (For example: TANF, Food Stamps, SSI, SSA, etc.)
If yes, please specify: _____

Are you currently employed? [] Full Time [] Part Time [] Self-Employed [] No
If employed, what is your field of work: _____

PERMANENT CONTACT: A family member, friend, teacher, or anyone who will always have a way of contacting you.
Name: _____ Title: _____
Relationship to Applicant: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

REFERENCE: Not a family member, who can speak about your abilities and interests.
Name: _____ Title: _____
Relationship to Applicant: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ DATE: _____

By signing this application, I agree that I have read all of the eligibility requirements to participant and certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide any documentation, financial or otherwise, that confirms the information submitted in this application, upon request. Furthermore, I understand that if accepted into this program, I will be required to notify the Steel Yard of future changes of contact information or employment.