

SESSION 1: 2/27/17 – 3/3/17 **SESSION 2:** 3/13/17 – 3/17/17 **SESSION 3:** 3/27/17 – 3/31/17 **SESSION 4:** 4/10/17- 4/14/17

TIMES: Monday through Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 13, 2017. Applications will be assessed as they are received; if accepted, participants will be placed into one of the four sessions in the order in which they were received

STIPEND: A stipend of \$100 will be made payable upon successful completion of the week long program.

WHAT IS THE STEEL YARD: The Steel Yard is an industrial arts community center in the Industrial Valley neighborhood of Providence, RI. We offer arts and technical training programs designed to increase opportunities for cultural and artistic expression, career building, and small business incubations. Our 10,000 square foot industrial shop includes welding, blacksmithing, iron casting, jewelry, and ceramics studios. The Steel Yard's programs cater to working artists, students, community members, trades people, art educators, and entrepreneurs.

WHAT IS WELD-TO-WORK: Weld-To-Work is a paid job readiness program designed to widen participants' employable skills and make participants more eligible for a variety of jobs in local industries. This one week intensive program will introduce participants to studio safety and basic metalworking tools, hand and power tools that cut, grind, and drill, including the oxygen-acetylene torch, plasma cutter, and MIG welder. These skills will be applied to a public project to be installed in the local community, not only contributing to the beautification of local infrastructure but helping to fund future Weld to Work programs. RIPTA bus passes may be provided for participants that need them.

WHEN IS WELD-TO-WORK: The Steel Yard is hosting four single-week Weld-To-Work programs that will each provide 30 hours of training in an industrial metal shop. Accepted participants will be placed into one of the four weeks based on a first come, first serve basis. They each run Monday through Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm.

WHAT WILL I GET WHEN I COMPLETE THE PROGRAM: Participants that successfully complete the program will be paid a stipend, receive a Steel Yard metalworking certificate, individualized tracking for one year, and complimentary access to three Open Studio sessions. Successful graduates will be eligible for further opportunities at the Steel Yard.

WHO QUALIFIES: To be eligible for this program, applicants must be:

- A Rhode Island resident
- Aged 18 and above
- Meet Income Eligibility Guidelines (posted below)
- Not currently be enrolled in school or an alternative academic program
- Be able to attend the full program - all day, every day
- Interested in metalworking
- Physically able to participate in an industrial shop (able to stand for 6 hours and lift 50lbs.)
- Be able to read and understand English
- *Participants must be legally eligible to work in the U.S. in order to be able to receive the stipend*

TO APPLY: Return completed application to the Steel Yard by the deadline. To be considered, applicants must be available to be interviewed by phone. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and accepted participants will be placed into the first available session. Participants are selected for success based on need and the quality of the phone interview.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

Based on the 2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines, we can help you determine your eligibility with the chart below. (Hint: if you qualify for government assistance [SNAP, etc.] you meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines.)

Number of Persons in Household:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Household Income:	\$11,880	\$16,020	\$20,160	\$24,300	\$28,440	\$32,580

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

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SESSION 1 NOTIFICATION DEADLINE: February 21st, 2017

SESSION 3 NOTIFICATION DEADLINE: March 20th, 2017

SESSION 2 NOTIFICATION DEADLINE: March 6th, 2017

SESSION 4 NOTIFICATION DEADLINE: April 3rd, 2017

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: _____

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

Please mark all sessions you are available for:

☐ Session 1 (2/27 – 3/3) ☐ Session 2 (3/13 – 3/17)

☐ Session 3 (3/27 – 3/31) ☐ Session 4 (4/10 – 4/14)

Why are you interested in participating in this program? _____

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

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

Do you meet the income requirements? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If you are unsure, please call the Steel Yard office to verify)

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: _____

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

★★ All personal information on this document is confidential and will never be distributed.

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: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing this application, I agree that I have read all of the eligibility requirements to participate in Weld-To-Work; 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.