



Sloss Metal Arts

2022 Summer Youth Apprenticeship

June 13th - August 5th, 2022

Applications due May 13th. Casting Workshop invitations will be sent out by May 23rd.

Program Overview

The Summer Youth Apprenticeship was founded on the importance of passing on the history of Sloss and the many techniques and traditions of metal art.

This paid, 8 week program, employs 10-15 high school students, aged 16-18, to work and study under professional artists for 30 hours per week. Students are introduced to a variety of processes and techniques in an interactive, individualized environment.

While being introduced to new techniques, the apprentices will create an array of work from tiles and medallions to bookends and lightswitch covers to be sold in the Sloss Museum Store in support of the program. For their final projects, they will submit a professional proposal and maquette and spend the final 2 weeks executing their final sculpture.

Our instructors are all professional artists working in cast iron or fabricated steel. Apprentices can expect to learn:

- Site and tool safety
- Wood, wax, and oil-based clay sculpting
- Mold making
- Iron casting
- Welding
- Blacksmithing
- Fabrication
- Art exhibition preparation and installation
- Critique methods
- Sculpture proposals and maquette building

Questions? Want to know more about the Summer Youth Apprenticeship? Would you like a Sloss representative to visit your school? Please contact us at Virginia@slossmetalarts.com

Details

Apprenticeship Dates: June 13th - August 5th*
*Due to the World Games, July 5th - July 17th will be hosted off-site

Location: Sloss Furnaces Foundry

Work Hours: Monday thru Friday
9:00AM to 3:30PM

Application Deadline: Friday, May 13th

Mandatory Casting Workshop*: Saturday, May 28th
*All qualified applicants must participate in this workshop as an introduction to what a typical work day at Sloss will involve.

Application Requirements

- Applicants must be 16 by the start of the program
- Students must submit an application including the following items:
 - Completed application form
 - Two reference letters
 - Digital or hard copy images of 3-8 samples of your art work
- Attend the mandatory casting workshop
- Finalists will be interviewed after the workshop

Please submit applications to apply@slossmetalarts.com