



Sloss Metal Arts

2023 Summer Youth Apprenticeship

Summer, 2023

Applications due Friday, May 5th. Casting Workshop Saturday, May 20th.

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 16-19, 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 light switch 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 info@slossmetalarts.com

Details

Apprenticeship Dates: June 13th - August 11th

Location: Sloss Furnaces Foundry

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

Application Deadline: Friday, May 5th

Mandatory Casting Workshop*: Saturday, June 3rd
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 and currently enrolled in high school.
- 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