



ELP APPLICATION

2013

April 28th – May 29th

What the Program is about:

Are you fed up with being mistreated because of your age, race, sexuality and/or gender? Interested in taking action and getting your voice heard? Come to FIERCE and learn about youth organizing and social change. The Education for Liberation Project (ELP) is a paid leadership development program at FIERCE for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two-Spirit, and Queer youth of color between the ages of 13-23.

This year, ELP will be a **5-week program** designed to equip FIERCE's members with the skills and analysis needed to be effective organizers at FIERCE. In ELP you will get trained on **community organizing, political education, and undoing-oppression** to prepare you for the work ahead. We need strong youth leaders and organizers to head up our campaign work and our base building work. ELP is one way we build and strengthen our members' leadership.

ELP will build your skills in the following areas:

- LGBTQ History
- Racism, Gender Oppression, Capitalism & Class
- Current Local and National Landscapes
- FIERCE and Movement History
- Campaign Development & Case Studies
- Transformative Organizing

... and much, much more!!

Eligibility for ELP

- 1.) You are passionate about being a leader at FIERCE and want the support of ELP to continue developing your leadership skills.
- 2.) You are currently an active member and/or are committed to becoming an active member in FIERCE after ELP.
- 3.) You can meet the attendance requirements of ELP
- 4.) You identify as an LGBTQ youth of color between the ages of 13-24

What is the time commitment?

ELP meets 3 days a week: every Tuesday and Wednesday, with an alternating 3rd day from 4-8pm. In order to graduate you must attend all sessions of ELP, however you are allowed 2 absences.

Stipend & metro cards: The stipend is \$400 for attending all ELP sessions. \$5 metro cards will be given on all ELP days.

What to do with your application: Please send your application to Emerson or Lee. Email: emerson@fierceny.org & lee@fierceny.org. Address: 147 W. 24th St. 6th floor, NY, NY 10011, fax number: 646.336.6788

Interview: There will be a group interview on Monday April 14th from 5-8pm
- *please mark your calendars*

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS: MONDAY April 7th

**Please Fill Out the Application
on the following page!!**

First Name: _____ Last name: _____

Name you'd like to be called: _____ Birthdate: ___/___/___ Age: _____

School (if applicable): _____

Preferred Gender Pronoun (ex: she/he/ze/): _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Facebook name: _____

Home Address: _____ Apt# _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Orgnaization(s) you are affiliated with: _____

Best way to contact you: email facebook phone

Best time to contact you [day time, evenings, etc]: _____

In order to respect your privacy please give us any specific instructions or details of what info we should or should not say when calling you or leaving messages (for example: *Please don't leave messages on my home phone*):

1) How did you hear about FIERCE and/ or ELP?

2) Why do you want to be in this years Education for Liberation Project?

3) What has your experience with FIERCE consisted of thus far?

4) Why is being a leader at FIERCE important to you?

5) What do you think are the 3 biggest issues facing TLBTSQ youth of color and why?

6) What are 3 personal goals you have for your work with FIERCE? How will ELP help you achieve these goals?

7) How do you feel about working with a team? What are your concerns if any?

8) Why do you think it is important to outreach to LGBTQ youth at the Pier? In your own words how would describe the importance of the Christopher St. Pier and why it should remain a safe space for LGBTQ youth?

9) ELP will meet every Tues and Wed and a third shifting day of the week from 4-8pm from April 28th to May 29th. Can you commit to the amount of time and work you will have to dedicate to ELP?

YES or NO (if no, please explain)

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The following section is optional and is intended to assume diversity in the program. All responses within this section will be kept completely confidential and only FIERCE staff will have access to this information.

Sexual Identities: (circle all that apply)

Heterosexual Gay Lesbian Pansexual Bisexual Queer Questioning

Other: _____

Gender Identity: (circle all that apply)

Man Woman Transgender Questioning MTF FTM Gender Queer Gender Neutral Two-Spirit

Bi-Gendered Other: _____

Race/ Ethnicity: (circle all that apply, specify if needed)

Caribbean Latino/a Asian/Pacific Islander Native American White Middle Eastern

South Asian African-American African Multiracial

Other/ Specify: _____

FIERCE's membership is made up of many different races, ethnicities, genders and sexual orientations. FIERCE has a mission with a focus on youth of color, low income, homeless youth, youth in the foster-care system, sex workers, youth who have been in and out of the prison system and youth who are HIV positive.

Please tell us a little more about your life experience **(this info will be kept confidential!)** How do the life experiences listed above relate or not relate to your life?

Are you or have you ever been... (please check all that apply):

Homeless

In the foster care system

A sex worker

In the prison system

Dropped (or kicked) out of school

Thank you for applying!!

* Please note that you have to be a member of FIERCE in order to apply to ELP. If you are not a member, please fill out the membership form (see attached) and send in with this application!