



TEEN PRIDE IN THE ARTS

Opportunity For Teen Artists At The Art League Of Long Island

Mentoring and Scholarship Program 2024

The Art League of Long Island is thrilled to introduce our new mentorship program designed specifically for Long Island-based visual artists in the LGBTQ+ community, grades 9-12. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from TD Bank, this program is now a reality.

We invite all interested individuals to apply for this unique opportunity, as applications are free and open to the public. Selected students will have the privilege of participating in a 5-month mentorship program, running from April to August 2024.

Under the guidance of mentor Stephanie Folk, students will have the chance to explore their personal experiences within the LGBTQ+ community, share their narratives, and receive professional development tailored to their long-term artistic aspirations. The summit of this program will be an exhibition showcasing the work created by our talented students at the Art League's Pride Festival in June 2024.

We are excited to see the creativity and growth that will emerge from this mentorship program, and we thank TD Bank for their support in making this initiative possible. Join us in shaping a vibrant and inclusive artistic community for all.

Applications will open on 3/1/2024 and close on 4/1/2024.*

*Artists who are not selected for this exclusive opportunity will receive a one-year student membership to the Art League of Long Island, valued at \$35. [Click here](#) to find out more about membership benefits.

**The Art League does not provide living accommodations or private studios for mentorship students. A small space for storing materials and projects will be provided.

The Teen Pride in the Arts Program includes the following benefits:

Mentorship

- **4 hours of class time per month with Art Mentor Stephanie Folk**

Stephanie Folk received her BFA from Syracuse University and her MS in art administration from Drexel University, graduating with honors. She has exhibited in shows throughout the east coast, and has commissioned work hanging in restaurants and private homes. Stephanie spent many years working in the NYC gallery industry as a Director and working her way to Proprietor. In 2008 Stephanie made a career change to focus solely on creating and educating. Since then, she has taught all levels of art in various mediums focusing on portfolio development. Stephanie currently works at North Shore Hebrew Academy HS as the AP (Advanced Placement) and Studio Arts teacher. Prior to her position at North Shore, she was an adjunct professor at the University of Tampa in the College of Arts and Design. Stephanie is active in the Huntington art community and organizes monthly figure drawing nights and offers private lessons to students creating a college art portfolio which includes support for their personal statements and making a digital portfolio. Stephanie is also the Summer Pre-college Portfolio Development Instructor at the Art League. You can find her work hanging in Huntington as well as other creative spaces on Long Island and in Brooklyn. You can view a selection of her work on her Instagram at @slysartstudio. Students will use this time to diversify their interests in new and challenging mediums.

- **Additional Mentorship through TD Bank**

Students in this program will speak with a professional mentor from TD Bank.

- **Access to the Lorraine Graves Grace Memorial Library**

Over 2,500 art books ranging from legendary artists to endless mediums for study and reference purposes.

Community Engagement

- **Promotion of you and your work on the Art League website and social Media**

Spotlights on the Art League Instagram and on our weekly newsletter

- **Free entry into the annual Member's Exhibition at the Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery**

All applicants are guaranteed acceptance into this yearly exhibition

- **Highlighted in an exhibit culminating at the Pride Festival in ALLI's Strolling Gallery**

In partnership with TD Bank and Colored Colors

Leadership Opportunities

- **Volunteering at the Art League**

For a minimum of 10 hours over 7 months, TPA mentees are required to volunteer at the Art League to build skills in gallery planning, art business administration, social media management, and more.

- **Participation in the planning of Pride Festival in June of 2024**

Mentees will play an active role in planning for the Art League's Pride Festival. More information on the scope of this role will adapt throughout the course of the mentorship as students' strengths and goals are determined.

Self Reflection

- **Maintaining a journal**

Document your experience and development as a student participating in TPA here at the Art League - in class and beyond - through biweekly journal submissions. Share about your work, your process, and what you've been learning and creating.

Scholarship

As an additional benefit, one of the four teen artists selected for this program will be awarded the “TPA Scholarship.” This scholarship, to be determined by a set of criteria balanced on quality of work and financial need, will award an artist an additional 35 hours of free class time during their mentorship. Class hours can be taken in any Teen or Adult class of your choice at the Art League for students ages 15+. If the award is granted to a student aged 13-14, the hours can only be used in teen classes.

***Supplies necessary for the additional class hours under the TPA scholarship will not be provided.

As a part of this mentorship program, participants will have the opportunity to work closely with experienced professionals, receive valuable feedback, and expand their skills and techniques. This immersive experience aims to foster creativity, self-expression, and personal growth within the LGBTQ+ artistic community.

We believe in the power of mentorship to inspire and uplift emerging artists, and we are dedicated to providing a platform for young talents to thrive. The Art League and TD Bank are committed to supporting the next generation of artists and creating a safe and inclusive space for artistic exploration and expression.

We encourage all eligible students to apply for this exciting opportunity and embark on a journey of artistic discovery and personal development. Together, let's celebrate diversity, creativity, and the beauty of art within the LGBTQ+ community. Thank you for being a part of this important and transformative program.

APPLICATIONS:

Applications may only be submitted online through Smarter Entry at:

<https://client.smarterentry.com/alli>

You will be asked to provide the following for the application:

- **ONE PDF document containing an artist resume or C.V. and the answers to the following questions in 250-500 words per question:**

- **Statement of Practice:** A brief description of your work and process
- **Statement of Purpose:** A brief description on what you hope to accomplish during your Mentorship. What is the narrative you want to build? What is the story you want to tell?
- **Statement of Identity** A brief summary of how this LGBTQ+ mentorship aligns with your personal life goals and/or identity.

- **Documentation of work (See guidelines below)**

Please label all files with your last name, first name, and work number

(ex: Smith, Joe_01, Smith, Joe_02, Etc...) Applicants can submit up to 10 works. Video works or video documentation of works have a maximum of 10 minutes, cumulatively. Vimeo or Youtube links to video works required.

If you would like to apply for the scholarship in addition to the mentorship program, the application will be available March 1, 2024 at <https://artleagueli.org/lgbtqia-programs/>