

HEALING PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Member Application + Interview Guide



Thank you for your interest in the Youth Empowerment Performance Project's 2021 Healing Performance Program. Below are some basic guidelines for the application process. If further information is needed, please feel free to contact Black, the Youth Programs Coordinator, at Black@WeSayYEPP.com.

YEPP's Mission

The mission of YEPP is to create a safe environment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer youth experiencing homelessness to explore their history, investigate new ways to address their struggles and celebrate their strengths through creative practices. This process involves a few core values we believe to be essential to the foundation and productivity of our goals. These values are Restorative Justice, Trauma Informed Care, Harm Reduction, Transformative Justice and Education for Liberation. Through embracing and analyzing these frameworks, we do the work for which YEPP was built and inspire the communities around us.

The Healing Performance Program

This is the original and core program of YEPP. Within 6 months, six newly selected members move through a creative process of healing, self-discovery, and life building that results in a self-developed theatrical production. Throughout the process, members are provided with resource support, such as transportation and bi-weekly stipends. This program closes with community performances of the production and possible opportunities to travel regionally and nationally while creating awareness about issues surrounding LGBTQI+ youth homelessness.

The Application Process

In order to apply for the Healing Performance Program, you must complete and submit the online application (<http://bit.ly/hppapp21>) or visit YEPP at 835 W. Addison St. in Lakeview to fill out an application in person. **Deadline: Friday, July 30, 2021.**

The Interview Process

Interviews will take place at the end of February. **Interviews will be held in mid-August.** If you are unable to make it, please contact Black Pruitt to be scheduled for our make-up interview on Monday, March 2nd from 3pm-6pm.

Selection Process

Participants will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Identify as LGBTQI+
- Ages 18-25
- Strong communication skills
- Time management skills
- General interest in the arts

- Aptitude for learning and applying YEPP's frameworks
- Strong and demonstrated interest in healing and personal development
- Experience with homelessness/housing instability

Those who are selected to participate will be notified via email and/or phone call. **Rehearsals officially begin in early September!**