Early STEM Immersion Program - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **What is Self-eSTEM?**
   a. Founded in 2014, Self-eSTEM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and career opportunities for young girls and women. Our goal is to build self-esteem and independence through STEM literacy by providing leadership and technical skills training to meet the demands of the 21st century education and labor markets.

2. **What is the application for?**
   a. The application is for our Early STEM Immersion Programs. They include:
      i. **STEM Exploration Camp**: A one-week summer camp that provides STEM curriculum and career exposure through a culturally responsive lens.
      ii. **STEM Engagement Club**: A semi-monthly weekend program that curates hands-on fieldtrips and interactive conversations with STEM professionals.
      iii. **Robotics Club**: A weekly after-school FIRST robotics program encouraging coding and engineering principles while tackling real-world problems against competing teams.

3. **Who is eligible to apply?**
   a. Our program is open to young girls ages 7 - 17 (and young girls who are high school seniors).

4. **Do I need to submit an application if my child has already participated in previous Self-eSTEM programs?**
   a. Yes! Past participants must submit an application each year.

5. **How much does the program cost?**
   a. The program is **FREE.99**! Through our great corporate sponsors/grants and fundraisers, we are able to provide our program services for free.
   b. Email us at info@selfestem.org if you or someone in your network has a corporate sponsor or grant opportunity for our organization.

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6. What city does Self-eSTEM operate in?
   a. We are based out of Oakland, CA. However, some of our program activities may require travel to surrounding cities like San Francisco, Berkeley or Richmond.
   b. Due to COVID-19 coronavirus, we are offering our virtual STEM program to anyone within the United States.
   c. Transportation/carpooling is provided for program events that are 20+ mile radius outside of Oakland.

7. What information does the application ask for?
   a. The application asks for basic demographic information and a small paragraph for each child to complete on why they would like to attend our program.

8. When will we know if our child or children have been selected for the program?
   a. A confirmation email will be sent to you within 14 calendar days or less, from the application deadline date.

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