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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 mission is to build the self-esteem of girls and young women from untapped communities, while providing interactive, culturally responsive STEM literacy, leadership, and technical training to leverage STEM as a foundation for social and economic growth.

2. What is the application for?

- a. The application is for our Early STEM Immersion Programs. They include:
 - STEM Exploration Camp: An one-week summer camp that provides STEM curriculum and career exposure through a culturally responsive lens.
 - ii. STEM Networking 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.
 - Note: Robotics Club spaces are very limited and participants will be selected based on skills and engagement to join our FIRST robotics competition teams. Click HERE to learn more about FIRST robotics.

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.

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?

- 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. Transportation/carpooling is provided for program events that are 20+ mile radius outside of Oakland.

7. What information does the application ask for?

 The application asks for basic demographic information and a small paragraph essay/story 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. An email confirmation will be sent no later than seven calendar days after the application deadline, so mark your calendars and/or add info@selfestem.org to your list of email contacts.

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