

Mark Siekierski Live Long and Prosper Scholarship

Mark Siekierski is someone we have all been impacted by in this industry. He left his fingerprint on our industry every day through his hard work and dedication. The Siekierski family has been making body jewelry for this industry since the Gauntlet days; today most people would know their product by the name NeoMetal. Mark always had a calm demeanor, he cared deeply about our industry, he quietly extended the hand of friendship to many Conference attendees who were too shy, or “too nerdy” to easily mingle with the cool kids. Mark was happy because he took pride in the respect his family’s company has earned worldwide and perhaps happiest when he stepped away from industry talk to discuss his love of Star Trek or video games - or chuckle over this year’s April Fool’s joke. Neometal is proud to offer this scholarship in his name to assist the continued education of a piercer in our community. (You can read more about Mark’s impact on the piercing industry in a memorial piece written for him in [The Point Issue #74](#))

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be 21 or older by the time Conference happens.
2. Have never attended Conference.
 - Mark was well-known for putting a hand out to new Attendees/new piercers – let’s continue that.
3. Must be working as a piercer in a studio and have completed their apprenticeship and have at least one year of unsupervised piercing experience before Conference.
 - We want to make sure that this Scholarship goes to someone well invested in their career path.
4. Recipient must be able to attend the entire Conference. Arriving Sunday June 11th 2017 and staying through Friday June 16th 2017. Recipient is required to provide their own transportation to and from Las Vegas.
 - It’s important that the recipient experience all that Conference has to offer.
5. Applicants must provide the information requested on the Application for the Scholarship. All information must be as complete as possible. Applications can be rejected for incomplete and/or untruthful information.

If the the scholarship facilitators become aware of an applicant behaving in an unprofessional manner in any public forum (facebook, tattoo convention, etc.), after having submitted their application to the scholarship program; the scholarship facilitators reserve the right to

discontinue processing of said application. Once connected to the program, the scholarship facilitators expect the applicant to be aware their actions reflect on Neometal, the APP, and Mark himself.

6. International Applicants: You must provide confirmation that you have a VISA or other necessary traveling documents along with your application. If you will have a problem doing this please contact the the scholarship facilitators to discuss your options. While English does not have to be your first language, you should be able to read, speak and understand English as our Conference and classes are run in English.

7. Recipients are required to write about their experiences for possible publication in the post-Conference Point or other use by the APP or Neometal.

WHAT THEY GET:

Conference pass (includes expo pass)

Hotel accommodations at Bally's from Sunday June 11th 2017 through Friday June 16th 2017.

Banquet ticket

APPLICATION:

1. Applicants will need to fill out an online application which asks basic questions about who they are; where they work; their piercing experience, and what resources they currently use to expand their knowledge. [Scholarship Application](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmkW4Vkm8oVbLV14ZLU68Z0bJGzNYf7f4hVYOPQcgL0cxXxQ/viewform?c=0&w=1)

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2. Applicants will need to submit either an essay or a video by the deadline to neometalscholarship@gmail.com as either an attachment, a link to a youtube video, or link to another online media server. Be sure to include your name as it appears in your application.

GUIDELINES FOR ESSAY / VIDEO: Two pages maximum length for the Essay / 5 min maximum length for the video

We want to know who you are. Please do not simply speak into a camera. If choosing a video there should be a reason why video was chosen – you are showing us something (your studio, your town, your dog, your action figure collection).

Answer this:

- Tell us about who you are as a person

Answer one of these two:

- Tell us about how/why you got into the career of a body piercer
- Tell us three things you have done in the last year to expand your knowledge and/or improve your studio.

Answer both of these:

- List three “top pick” classes from the current class list which you want to take at [Conference](#), and why those are your top three.
- List three working piercers who you would like to learn from and/or meet.

Answer one or both of these questions:

- Tell us your nerdiest accomplishment.
- Which Game of Thrones or Star Trek character do you most identify with and why?

2017 CALENDAR:

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Sunday April 9th by 11:59pm EST

DECISION MADE BY: Sunday April 30th.

For questions or assistance email: neometalscholarship@gmail.com. Please do not contact Neometal Inc. directly in regard to this application process.