National Youth Council | Advisor Role FAQs

1. **What is the National Youth Council?**

   The American Red Cross National Youth Council (NYC) is a group of 13 youth members and 2 adult advisors who nationally represent and serve the youth volunteers of the American Red Cross. Drawing upon the creativity, dedication, and energy of youth, the National Youth Council seeks to promote young volunteers as an organizational resource. Learn more here: [http://redcrossyouth.org/arcnyc/](http://redcrossyouth.org/arcnyc/).

2. **Who can be an Advisor?**

   An Advisor is anyone who has worked with youth in a mentorship capacity for at least 2 years. They can be American Red Cross paid staff or volunteer leadership members. Ideally, they have an understanding of the Red Cross mission and lines of service.

3. **How long is the term for an Advisor?**

   2 years

4. **What does an Advisor for the National Youth Council do?**

   There are 2 weekly hour-long conference calls, and 3 hour-long conference calls that occur every other week, amounting to about 4 hours of conference calls every week. Advisors are expected to sit on all calls to provide mentorship and act as a sounding board, especially around Red Cross guidelines, policy, and procedure. Many of these calls occur outside of the 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET business hour window.

   Other responsibilities include working closely with our liaison from National Headquarters, the Chair, and Vice-Chair on youth strategy, policy and administrative work, and ensuring all members are keeping their Council commitments and entering hours on Volunteer Connection. Advisors conduct member check-ins, proofread and provide feedback on all materials created by the group, provide
professional development, and assist in the application process for new members. Ad hoc projects arise on occasion, and Advisors are expected to help with these and/or facilitate member work with these projects.

Finally, if members are not meeting their responsibilities, Advisors lead the disciplinary process.

5. **Do I have to attend every call?**

   No, Advisors can share responsibilities and work to ensure that at least one Advisor is on every call. That being said, communication is incredibly vital to the success of this position and being up to date with communication via email and the Slack messaging platform is required.

6. **I’m a paid American Red Cross staff member. Does Council work become a part of and/or count towards my job responsibilities?**

   Council work is 100% voluntary, and separate from your job. You will be added to Volunteer Connection with the Advisor position to log and track your hours.

7. **What is the application process and how do I submit an application?**

   Please click [here](#) for all of the application instructions and materials. Applications close on May 15, 2020. Candidates will then be reviewed and asked to interview, with decisions announced around the beginning of July.

8. **If I have more questions, whom can I contact?**

   For any questions, please feel free to contact current Advisors, Aparna Kachoria at Aparna.Kachoria@redcross.org or Allie Parker at Alexandra.Parker@redcross.org.