National Youth Council Member Application
Instructions & Position Description

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the American Red Cross National Youth Council (NYC)! To be eligible to apply, you must be a current, registered Red Cross volunteer with an active Volunteer Connection account, be between the ages of 16–24, and have been an American Red Cross volunteer for at least two years. The position is a two- to three-year term, and Council members are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Members can expect to put in at least 15 hours of Council-related work each month - of which 10 hours are Council-specific and 5 are with your local region. The National Youth Council is proud of its continued effort of representing regions at the national level.
- Timely communication. The bulk of our communication is through email and telephone. Responding to emails within 48 hours is expected.
- The NYC holds weekly Working Group Calls, as well as biweekly All-Council Calls. These calls occur often during evenings and sometimes during weekends. Most Council work happens during these calls and members are expected to participate on each of these calls.
- There is one in-person meeting per year which members are expected to attend—meeting dates and locations are determined approximately two months prior.
- Actively participate in NYC activities, including, but not limited to, designing and implementing your own project ideas.

The application package must be submitted electronically to youthinvolvement@redcross.org by 11:59 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, May 15, 2020. To be considered for a position you must submit a complete application, consisting of the following documents:

- **Application** (Includes personal response, which can take the form of an essay, video, or presentation).
- **Resume** (Please include the following):
  - Education
  - Work Experience
  - Red Cross Service
    - Major accomplishments of each Red Cross position; dates served.
  - Other community service
  - Professional Development (i.e. awards, conferences attended, relevant training, publications, etc.)
  - Please stick to a two-page limit, save as a PDF, and attach it to the email with your application.
Two Recommendation Forms (Please only use these forms, do not send additional letters of recommendation):
  ○ One Red Cross recommendation
  ○ One Non-Red Cross recommendation

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A. Council Structure
The National Youth Council (NYC) consists of 15 members as follows:
  ● Thirteen (13) unit-nominated youth and young adult volunteers ages 16 to 24. Of these 13, one serves as the Chair and one serves as the Vice-Chair.
  ● Two (2) adult unit-paid or volunteer staff members.
B. Responsibilities of the National Youth Council
  ● Our vision and mission are to increase engagement with our existing youth volunteers as well as increase youth involvement with the organization as a whole.
  ● Consult, advise, and advocate on behalf of youth in accordance with the National Youth Strategy as per the Vice President of Volunteer Services at the American Red Cross.
  ● Work with our liaison at National Headquarters and other departments, as necessary, to help prioritize youth involvement issues and needs.

Member Responsibilities
  ● Represent needs and advocate on behalf of interests of youth involved in the American Red Cross and make decisions and recommendations on issues presented to NYC.
  ● Direct and/or participate in long-term NYC projects and activities.
    ○ American Red Cross Youth Instagram
    ○ RedCrossYouth.Org
    ○ YouthWire
    ○ National Youth Involvement Month
    ○ Navin Narayan College Scholarship
    ○ Field Ambassador Program
    ○ Crash Course Calls
    ○ Maintaining youth resources
  ● Read and become familiar with materials that are sent out prior to meetings and calls.
  ● Serve as role models for youth of the American Red Cross and responsibly demonstrate commitment to youth involvement for future members.
  ● Members are divided into two small groups, known as Working Groups: the Field Relations Working Group and Peer Outreach Working Group. These groups have a weekly call to go over projects and gather feedback.