National Youth Council Member Application
Instructions & Position Description

Instructions
Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the American Red Cross National Youth Council (NYC)! To be eligible, you must be a current, registered Red Cross volunteer between the ages of 16–22 with a Volunteer Connection account that has been active for at least two years as of September 30, 2021. The position is a two- to three-year term. Members are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Members can expect to put in 15 hours of Council-related work each month, of which 10 are Council-specific and 5 are with your local region. The 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 videoconference. 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—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.

To be considered for a position, you must submit a complete application package consisting of the following materials. Please note the platform through which each material should be submitted.

- Preliminary Screening Questions – Volunteer Connection
  - If all eligibility requirements are met during screening as specified in this document, your application file will be referred to the National Youth Council for official consideration.
    - Navigate to your Volunteer Connection home page
    - Select the “Opportunities” tab at the top right of your screen
    - Search: “NHQ:VS - Engagement & Client Support - National Youth Council Member”
    - Click “Apply”

- Application – Google Form (link here)
  - Includes personal response in the form of an essay, video, or presentation.

- Resume – Google Form (see above)
  - Please include the following information as a 2-page maximum PDF:
    - Education
    - Red Cross service (positions, accomplishments, dates served)
    - Other work experience and community service
    - Professional development (i.e. awards, conferences attended, relevant training, publications, etc.)
Two Recommendation Letters – Volunteer Connection (link [here](#))

- One Red Cross recommendation
- One Non-Red Cross recommendation
- No supplemental letters of recommendation will be accepted.

The entire application package must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 14, 2021. For any questions, please reach out to youthinvolvement@redcross.org.

Timeline
1. **May 14**: Deadline for all screening and application materials
2. **End of May**: Selected applicants receive offers to interview
3. **Early June**: Interviewing period
4. **July 1**: New members begin term on the National Youth Council

**Position Description**

*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 existing youth volunteers and 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](#)
  - [Youth and young adult resources](#)
- Read and familiarize with materials 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.