



May 2021 Crash Course Call  
National Youth Council:  
Applications

**American Red Cross**

# What is the National Youth Council?



# National Youth Council

1. Composed of 13 youth and young adult volunteers across the country
2. Two adult unit paid or volunteer Red Crossers as advisors
3. Represent and support American Red Cross Youth volunteers through club guides, newsletters, social media, etc.



# Hi! I'm Cody.

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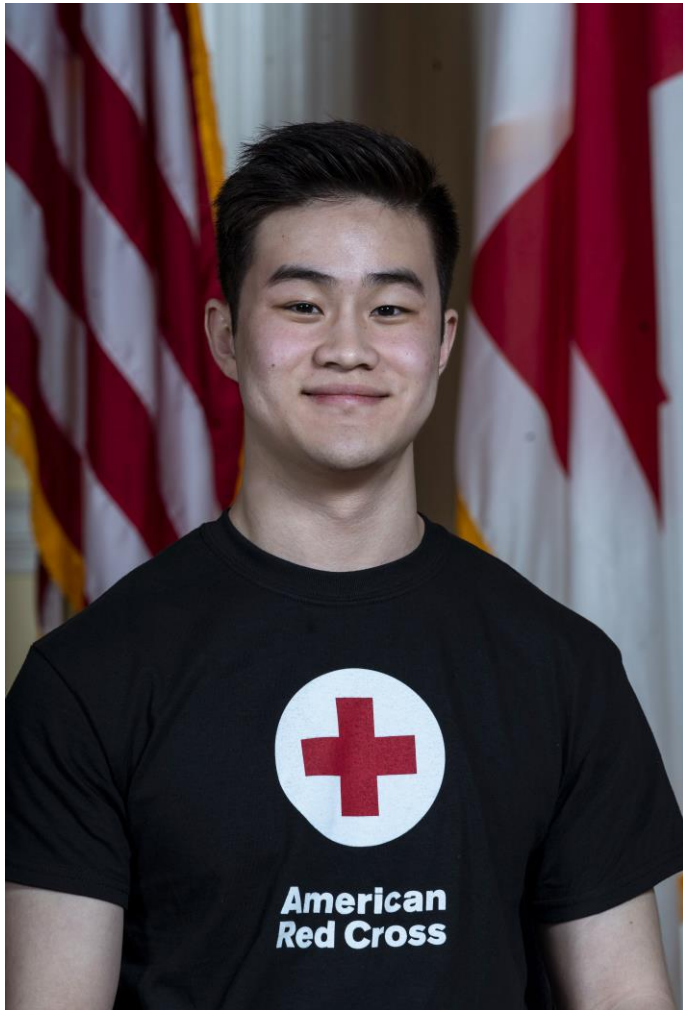
- **Home:** Southern California Region
- **School:** Northern California Coastal Region (NCCR)
- Vice-Chair on the National Youth Council and Recovery Team Caseworker for DCS in NCCR
- **Former positions:** Chair of the Orange County Chapter's Youth Advisory Council, Desert to the Sea Region Leadership Development Camp (LDC) Liaison, President of the Pacifica High School Red Cross Club
- I volunteer with the Red Cross to contribute to an international movement of humanitarianism, promote a culture of youth leadership and activism, and give back to a community that has provided so much for me!



## Hi! I'm Ariana :)

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- Northern California Coastal Region (NCCR)
- Currently serving as the Resources Lead on the National Youth Council; Youth Services Advisor for the NCCR
- With the Red Cross, I've served as President of the Amador Valley High School ARC Club, Co-Chair of the East Bay Chapter's Youth Executive Board, as well as Advisory Board of the Northern California Leadership Development Center Staff
- I volunteer with the Red Cross because of all the inspiring and dedicated people in this organization. I'm constantly amazed by the diverse individuals I am surrounded by and even more excited to help my community with them!

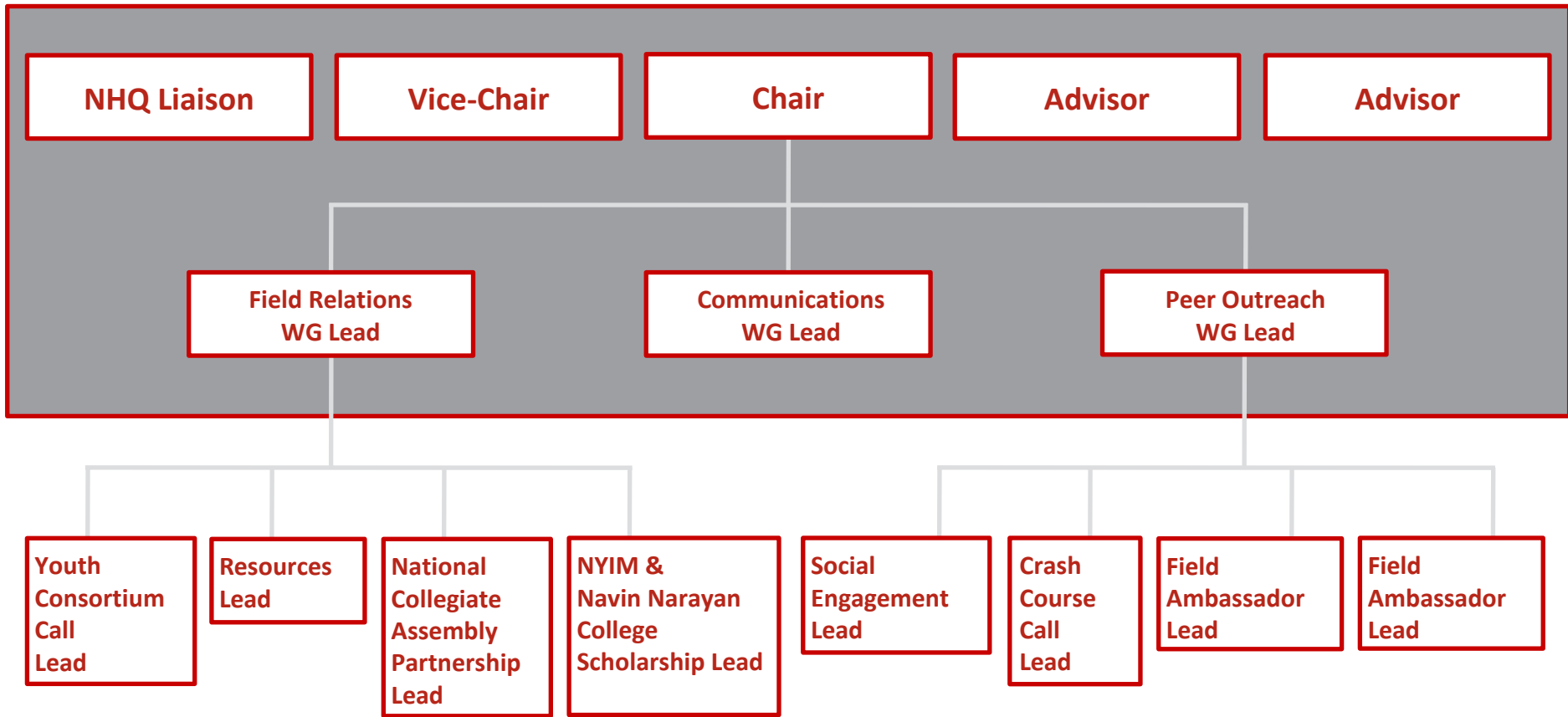


# Hi! I'm Will.

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- Originally from the National Capital and Greater Chesapeake Region
- Currently volunteers in the Rhode Island and Connecticut Region for school
- Chair of the National Youth Council and serves locally as a Red Cross Club Chapter Contact
- Founder of the Brown University Red Cross Club. Served as President and Founder of high school club and as a Blood Donor Ambassador + Citizen CPR Instructor.
- I volunteer with the Red Cross because I want to create a culture of volunteerism in my community and bring people together for the greater good.

# National Youth Council Structure



 = makes up the Executive Committee (ExComm)

# National Youth Council Applications

- To access the full instructions on how you can apply, visit [redcrossyouth.org/arcnyc/applications](https://redcrossyouth.org/arcnyc/applications) and click on the [PDF](#) at the bottom of the page.



- **All application materials are due by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EDT!**





### 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](mailto: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.

# Application Logistics

## Eligibility:

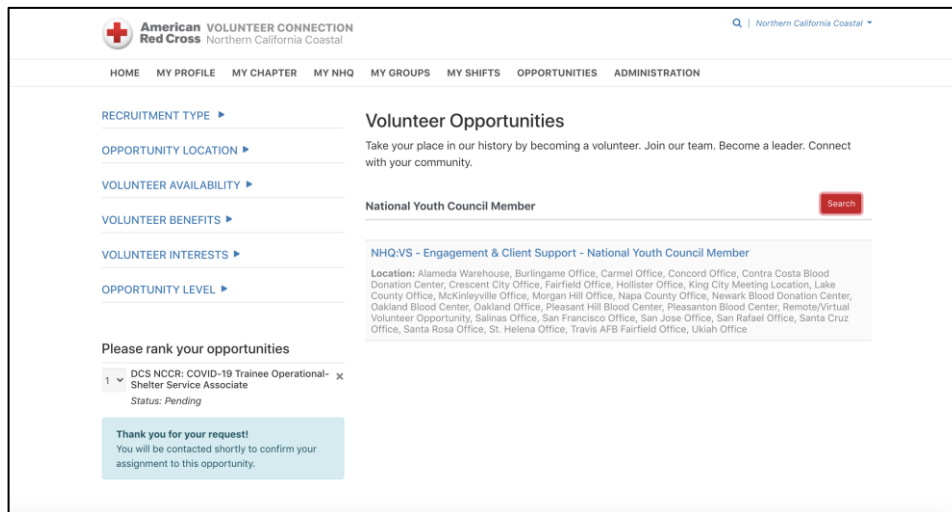
- Between the ages of 16–22
- Current, registered Red Cross volunteer
- Active Volunteer Connection account for **at least two years** as of September 30, 2021

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# Step 1: Screening Questionnaire

- To formally begin your application, submit your interest to apply via **Volunteer Connection** by clicking on the **Opportunities** tab and searching for **"National Youth Council Member."**




The screenshot shows the American Red Cross Volunteer Connection interface. The header includes the logo and navigation tabs: HOME, MY PROFILE, MY CHAPTER, MY NHQ, MY GROUPS, MY SHIFTS, OPPORTUNITIES, and ADMINISTRATION. The main content area is titled 'Volunteer Opportunities' and features a search bar with the text 'National Youth Council Member' and a red 'Search' button. Below the search bar, a result is displayed for 'NHQ-VS - Engagement & Client Support - National Youth Council Member'. The location is listed as 'Alameda Warehouse, Burlingame Office, Carmel Office, Concord Office, Contra Costa Blood Donation Center, Crescent City Office, Fairfield Office, Hollister Office, King City Meeting Location, Lake County Office, McKinleyville Office, Morgan Hill Office, Napa County Office, Newark Blood Donation Center, Oakland Blood Center, Oakland Office, Pleasant Hill Blood Center, Pleasanton Blood Center, Remote/Virtual Volunteer Opportunity, Salinas Office, San Francisco Office, San Jose Office, San Rafael Office, Santa Cruz Office, Santa Rosa Office, St. Helena Office, Travis AFB Fairfield Office, Ukiah Office'. A 'Please rank your opportunities' section is visible at the bottom, showing a dropdown menu with 'DCS NCCR: COVID-19 Trainee Operational- Shelter Service Associate' selected and a status of 'Pending'. A blue box at the bottom of the screenshot contains the text: 'Thank you for your request! You will be contacted shortly to confirm your assignment to this opportunity.'

- Each applicant will receive a call to complete a simple survey that assesses for eligibility qualifications.

# Step 2: Submitting Materials

- This year's application is housed on a [Google Form](#).
- In addition to demographic information, you will be asked to submit a 2-page maximum resume and a personal response in the form of (1) an essay, (2) a video, or (3) a PowerPoint presentation.



The screenshot shows the header of a Google Form for the American Red Cross National Youth Council Member Application 2021-2023. The header includes the American Red Cross logo and the text "American Red Cross | Youth Engagement". The main title of the form is "American Red Cross National Youth Council Member Application 2021-2023". The body of the form contains the following text:

The American Red Cross National Youth Council application process is entirely online, consisting of a preliminary screening questionnaire, the main application (this Google Form), ONE Red Cross supervisor recommendation and ONE Non-Red Cross recommendation. Please use the recommendation forms and do not send additional letters of recommendation. Consult the application instructions PDF for full details.

Questions regarding this application should be addressed to Cody Tran, National Youth Council Vice-Chair, at [cody.tran@redcross.org](mailto:cody.tran@redcross.org).

All application materials are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 14, 2021.

The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form.

Not [codytran@yahoo.com](mailto:codytran@yahoo.com)? [Switch account](#)

At the bottom of the form, there is a "Next" button.

## Step 3: Recommendation Letters

- **ONE** recommendation letter from a Red Cross affiliate who has worked with you in a supervisory role (e.g. Youth Engagement Lead, Club Coordinator, Club Advisor, Regional Volunteer Services Officer, etc.).
- **ONE** recommendation letter from outside of the Red Cross

# Step 3: Recommendation Letters

- All recommendation letters must be submitted via a separate, public [Volunteer Connection form](#). Please provide this link to your recommenders.

National Youth Council Recommender Form 2021-22

WELCOME

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The National Youth Council is seeking dedicated, high-achieving American Red Cross youth volunteers to join the Council in representing the interests of youth and young adult volunteers at the national level. The Council consists of primarily high school, college, and young professional volunteers who dedicate approximately fifteen hours of Council work each month.

Most of the National Youth Council work is done remotely; therefore, applicants should be self-motivated and possess strong verbal and written communication skills.

Applicants are expected to have the following qualities:

- **Leadership:** National Youth Council Members often lead discussions or groups in high-level initiatives and often at the national level.
- **Public speaking experience:** Members must be comfortable speaking to the Council and to large youth groups in a public forum.
- **Professionalism:** Interaction with Red Cross senior leadership and major stakeholders is common and requires high levels of professionalism—in dress, speech, and manner.
- **Adaptability:** Member responsibilities can vary greatly depending on the nature of Council initiatives. Adaptability and willingness to learn are essential.

If you have any questions, please let us know at [youthinvolvement@redcross.org](mailto:youthinvolvement@redcross.org).

\* FIRST NAME

\* LAST NAME

\* EMAIL ADDRESS

# Breakout Rooms

# June Crash Course Call Ensuring Continuous Leadership

- Sunday, June 6, 2021 from  
7:30–8:00 p.m. EST
  - Register [here](#)



## Follow

1. Follow our Instagram, [@americanredcrossyouth](https://www.instagram.com/americanredcrossyouth)
2. Check [redcrossyouth.org](https://redcrossyouth.org)
3. Read future issues of [YouthWire](#) for the latest updates and ideas for projects!

## Share

1. We want to hear about your great events and activities!
2. Send stories to [youthinvolvement@redcross.org](mailto:youthinvolvement@redcross.org) and you might be featured on our Instagram, [redcrossyouth.org](https://redcrossyouth.org) or a future issue of YouthWire!

# Know a Great Red Cross Volunteer?

We are always looking for passionate Red Cross youth volunteers to be featured in our Youth Spotlight in the YouthWire. If you know someone who you think should be featured, fill out this [form](#)!

# Want More/Improved Crash Course Calls?

Please fill out the [survey](#) so that we can see who attended and how we can improve future calls!

# Logging in Hours



Please log in or create an account.

## Sign In with Your Red Cross ID

If you already have an existing Red Cross ID, please login below.

Email:

Password:

**SIGN IN**

[Forgot password](#)

[Need help logging in?](#)

## Create a Red Cross ID

The first step to creating a Volunteer Connection account is to create your Red Cross ID. Please complete the form below.

First Name:

Last Name:

Country:

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Postal Code:

# Logging in Hours

### News

**Why Words Matter: Using Inclusive Language**

[Read News](#)

### Enter Hours

| Month | Hours |
|-------|-------|
| Jul   | 15    |
| Aug   | 20    |
| Sep   | 25    |
| Oct   | 22    |
| Nov   | 5     |
| Dec   | 0     |
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| Apr   | 0     |
| May   | 0     |
| Jun   | 0     |

[View Graph](#) [View Previous Hours](#)

[Add Hours](#)

### My Calendar

You don't have any upcoming events at this time

[View All Shifts](#)

### Enter Hours

Please do not submit Disaster Relief Operation (DRO) hours. [Why?](#)

[How/Why to Log Your Hours](#)

\*DATE  
11-30-2020

\*HOURS  \*MINUTES

\*ACTIVITY NAME

\*HOURS TYPE  
Select...

\*POSITION  
Select...

COMMENTS

[Submit Hours](#) [Submit & Add Another](#)

# Any Questions?

Thank you so much for your time

We hope to see you in future  
Crash Course Calls!