

May Crash Course Call

National Youth Council Applications

Part 1

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Introduction



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Icebreaker Question

Are you a coffee person or a tea person? What is your favorite place to get coffee/tea?

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What are the Crash Course Calls?

Discussing Red Cross related topics such as lines of service, history, etc. and connecting youth to opportunities related to the discussed topics. Join the CCCs to learn more about the Red Cross and youth opportunities to engage in!

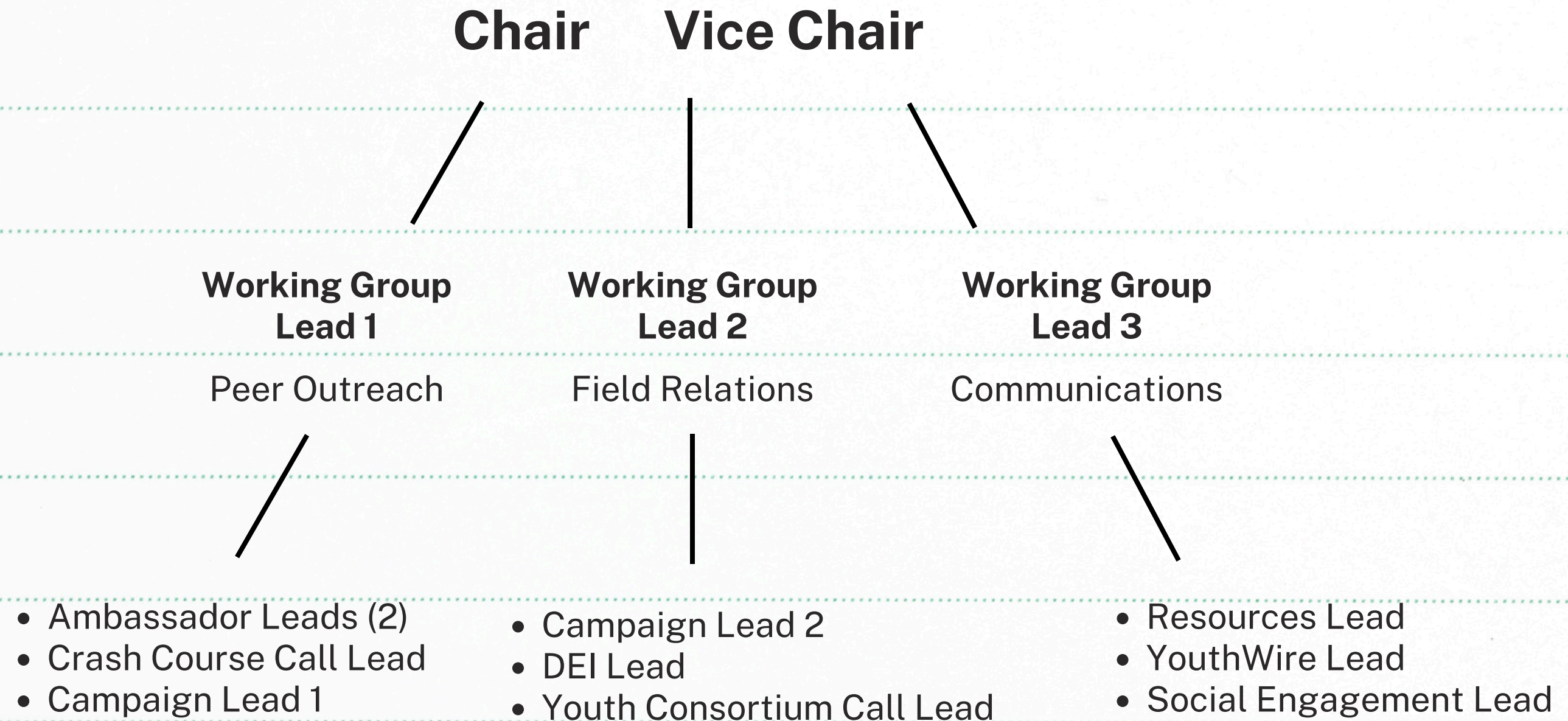


Agenda

- About the Council
- Responsibilities
- Timeline
- Navigating the Application
- Application Advice



Council Structure





Council member Responsibilities



Leadership & Representation

- Serve as role models and uphold Red Cross values
- Represent and advocate for youth and young adult volunteers
- Contribute to decisions and recommendations for the NYC

Engagement & Communication

- Maintain active communication with local regions and NHQ
- Participate in weekly committee and biweekly council calls
- Respond to emails within 48 hours using Red Cross email
- Engage in regional volunteer roles and NYC projects

Attendance & Participation

- Read and stay informed on all NYC materials
- Attend required meetings, including evenings/weekends
- Travel for annual in-person meeting (if applicable)



Our Timeline

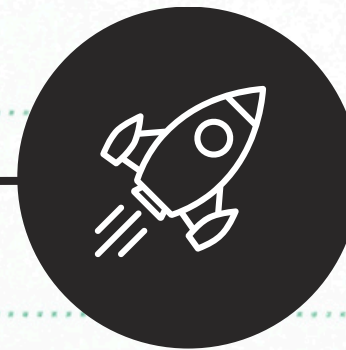
May



1. Apply

Submit Your NYC
Application
Through VCN

June



2. Interview

After reviewing the
applications, individuals
may move onto the
interview phase

July



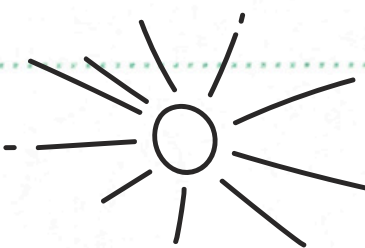
3. Onboarding

If selected, begin
onboarding to
become an NYC
councilmember!





What We Are Looking For



1. Leadership & Teamwork

- Experienced in leading youth and young adults
- Provides meaningful support to volunteers
- Adaptable, collaborative, and self-motivated

2. Professional & Tech-Ready

- Clear, diplomatic communicator
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and virtual platforms (e.g., Teams)
- Reliable access for 100% remote participation

3. Commitment & Eligibility

- Ages 16–22 with 2+ years as a registered Red Cross volunteer by Sept. 30, 2025
- Dedicated to 15+ hours/month for a 2-year term
- Passionate, culturally sensitive, and eager to learn



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4 **Apply Now** Cancel

Thank you for your request! You will be contacted shortly

2  **American Red Cross** VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

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Click on the 'Opportunities' tab.

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RECRUITMENT TYPE ▾

- ☐ BEHIND THE SCENES
- ☐ BOOTS ON THE GROUND
- ☐ CLIENT FACING
- ☐ COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH
- ☐ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- ☐ INSTRUCTOR/PRESENTER
- ☐ IT
- ☒ LEADERSHIP
- ☐ TEAM EMPOWERMENT

ZIP CODE RADIUS ▸

OPPORTUNITY LOCATION ▸

TIME COMMITMENT ▸

LENGTH OF APPOINTMENT ▸

VOLUNTEER AVAILABILITY ▸

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS ▸

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS ▸

OPPORTUNITY LEVEL ▾

- ☒ NATIONAL
- ☐ DIVISION

VOLUNTEER FREQUENCY ▸

Volunteer Opportunities

Listed below are volunteer opportunities that match your interests and availability. Click on positions that interest you to learn more and see if it is something you would like to do. If you find the opportunity is a match, scroll to the bottom and click "apply now". You will be able to select up to 3 options and rank them by preference.

If no opportunities are listed or if these do not match what you are looking for, adjust the filters to the left to find your perfect fit.

Search by Position Name

Search

NHQ Disaster Logistics Fulfillment Lead

NHQ National Youth Council Member

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Search for the 'National Youth Council Member' position.



Application Components

Application Materials

Resume

Recommenders



Essays

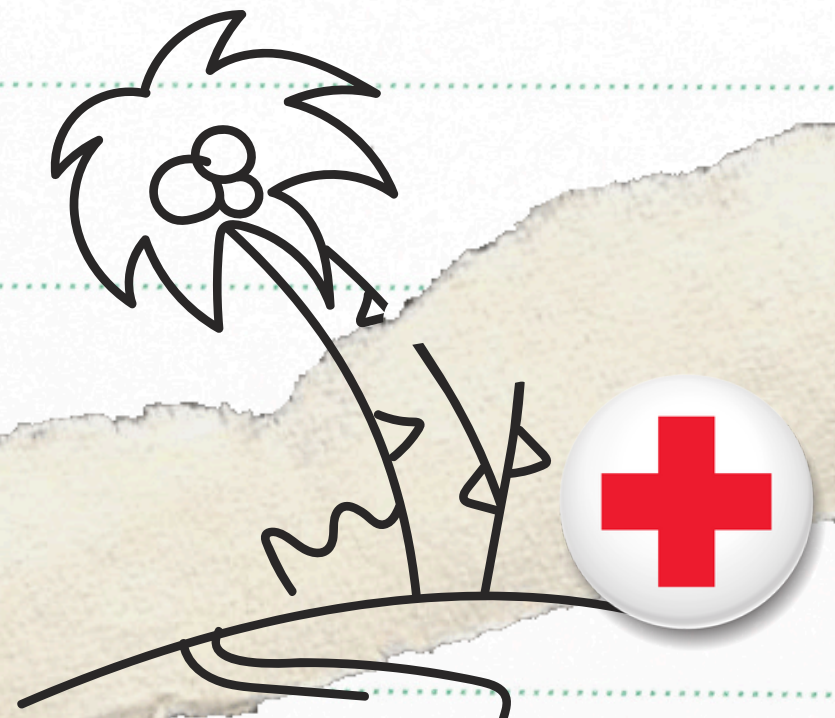


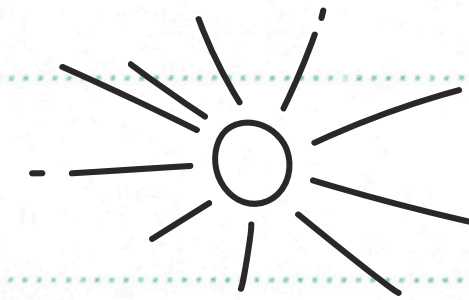
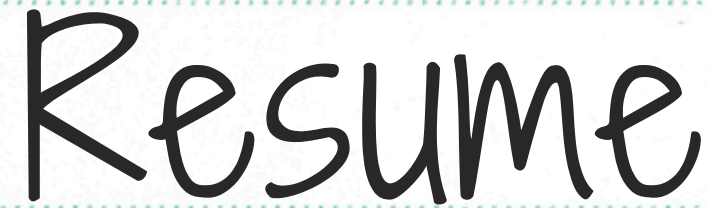
1. **Essay:** How have you demonstrated leadership in your local Red Cross club or region, and how would you apply those skills on a national level? When formulating your answer, consider a time when you collaborated with others on a creative project, campaign, or initiative. What made the collaboration successful, what challenges did you face, and what did you learn that shaped your leadership?
2. **Tell us about yourself:** Tell us about yourself and why you're applying to National Youth Council. Please include a link to a personal response in the form of an essay, video, or slideshow presentation. Please make sure the link is viewable



Recommendations

- **One American Red Cross recommendation:** an American Red Cross leader who has directly observed your involvement as a volunteer (including but not limited to Youth Engagement Lead, Red Cross Club Advisor, Volunteer Services employee, Disaster Program Officer)
- **One Non-American Red Cross recommendation:** someone who has observed you in a capacity outside of the American Red Cross (including but not limited to teacher, professor, mentor, supervisor). This cannot be a Red Cross Club Advisor





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A screenshot of a Google search results page. The search bar at the top contains the text "harvard business school resume template". Below the search bar, the "All" tab is selected. The first search result is from Harvard University, titled "Harvard College Bullet Point Resume Template". The snippet below the title reads: "Word (.docx) version. Accessible Word (.docx) version. Google Docs version. Use this bullet-point template to build out your first draft of your resume." Below the snippet are three buttons: "Harvard College Resumes...", "Harvard Griffin GSAS PhD...", and "Europass CV". The second search result is from Harvard Business School, titled "Resume template". The snippet below the title reads: "GMAT: 790 (99th percentile). New York, NY. 2014-2016. Honors: • Eli Ginzberg memorial prize for outstanding work in economics. 2 pages". At the bottom of the visible results, the "Images" tab is partially visible.



Advice



Show Your Own Initiative

It is one thing to be Red Cross Club President, or an IHL YAC advocate. How did you bring change/your own ideas to the table?

Show Your Creativity

The application gives you the chance to be creative, through video, essay, or presentation. Use that to your advantage!

Show Us Who You Are

Incorporate things you are passionate about outside of Red Cross! How has that influenced your Red Cross volunteer experience?



UPCOMING EVENTS

My Shifts > Global Shifts > Youth and Young Adults

NYC Application Workshop #2

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NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

Workshop

Workshop 1

 MAY 9  7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. ET

Workshop 2

 MAY 12  9:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. ET

Join the National Youth Council (NYC) for the May Crash Course Call: a two-part event series where we will be breaking down this year's National Youth Council application. Learn about the kind of candidates the NYC is looking for and how to fill out each section of the application in [Workshop 1](#), and talk to some current NYC members about their Red Cross experiences in [Workshop 2](#)!

My Shifts > Global Shifts > Youth and Young Adult Events



Youth and Young Adult Ambassador Program Symposium

- **When:** June 25th, 2025, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM E.T.
- Join us to hear from Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors about their regional projects to bolster youth engagement! Ambassadors have been leading region-wide campaigns to strengthen volunteerism within their communities since November and are excited to share the results of their hard work. This event is open to all and youth or young adults interested in the Ambassador Program are highly encouraged to join!



QUESTIONS?

