



March 2021 Crash Course Call:
Navin Narayan Scholarship
and Other Red Cross Youth
Opportunities

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 Candice.



- Northern California Coastal Region
- National Youth Involvement Month & Navin Narayan Scholarship Lead on the National Youth Council, serves locally as Missing Maps Community Event Coordinator
- Formerly served as the Spirit & Publicity Coordinator on East Bay Youth Executive Board, NCCR Field Ambassador Lead, Public Relations officer in high school Red Cross Club and Blood Donor Ambassador.
- I volunteer with the Red Cross because it has given me a sense of belonging and community (as an immigrant who attended three different high schools) through volunteering and serving underprivileged population with other passionate individuals!

Navin Narayan

- A Rhodes Scholar and Harvard graduate
- A dedicated and outstanding Red Cross volunteers who had served as the National Youth Council Chair
- Succumbed to cancer at the age of 23
- A scholarship to honor his legacy



Eligibility

- Be a high school senior
- Be planning to attend a four-year college or university
- Have served as a minimum of 2 years as an American Red Cross volunteer

Requirement & Timeline

Required documents:

- Application Form (filled out by applicant)
- Red Cross Recommender
- High School Recommender

Timeline:

- Applications now open on [RCYO!](#)
- Applications due **April 2, 11:59 pm ET**

Advice and Tips for Applying

- Start early! Contact your recommenders as soon as possible to give them sufficient time
- Take time to reflect on your Red Cross journey and have a strong "Why Red Cross" story
- Be concise
- Proofread your application



Hi! I'm Varsha.

- Texas Gulf Coast Region
- Serves as the National Youth Council's Field Relations Working Group Lead
- Served as the Youth Service Council Co-Executive Chair, Leadership Development Conference Leader, IT SharePoint Support Intern and recipient of the Youth Rising Star and Navin Narayan High School Scholarship

Applying to Navin Narayan

- Public Service
 - Philanthropy
 - Leadership
- Academia
- Navigating the Scholarship
- Application Tips
- Apply!

Public Service: Philanthropy

- What work have you done in the philanthropy space, both within and outside of the Red Cross?
- What is the *impact* of each of those experiences?
 - Tips: Describe the *action* you took, *how* you worked with your *team* (if applicable), and what the *result/impact* of your work was
- For the essay questions, consider the following:
 - What does service mean to you?
 - Why do you serve?
 - What type of impact do you hope to make?

Public Service: Leadership

- What are some philanthropic projects in which you *led* a team?
- Even if it wasn't a formal leadership position that you held, what are some instances in which you *took initiative*?
- How did you work with a *team* to pursue your leadership goals?

Navigating the Scholarship

- Choosing recommenders
 - Past interactions
 - Work they have seen you do
- Ranking your experiences on the form
 - Impact
 - What you are proud of
- Essay questions: brainstorming
 - What is your unique story?
 - What is your plan to continue volunteering with the Red Cross after graduating high school?

Advice and Tips for Applying

- Focus on emphasizing your commitment to the principles that Navin embodied
 - Provide specific examples
- List everything – don't skip over a Red Cross volunteer experience even if you think it is "small"
- Focus on telling a story in your essay questions
 - Feel free to be creative!
- Apply!

Other Scholarship Opportunities

- [Here](#)



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Scholarships and Awards for Youth Volunteers

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Red Cross youth volunteers may be eligible for several scholarships and awards, including the Navin Narayan Award for Excellence in Youth Leadership, Navin Narayan College Scholarship, Leaders Save Lives Scholarships, Jane Delano Student Nurse Scholarship, and James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship. Eligibility requirements and award amounts vary between each scholarship, and details are listed below:

Navin Narayan Award for Excellence in Youth Leadership



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Leaders Save Lives Scholarship

- Program encouraging high school and college students to host blood drives during critical collection time periods while school is out of session
- Participating students earn leadership skills and volunteer hours.
- Students who collect 25+ pints are also eligible to earn a gift card and an entry to win a scholarship.
- Learn more [here](#)

Jane Delano Student Nurse Scholarship

- Established to promote nursing as a career and to promote the involvement of new nurses in the Red Cross.
- Available to nursing students (undergraduate or graduate) who have contributed volunteer service to or are employees of a Red Cross Unit.
- Three (3) \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded per year.
- Learn more about eligibility [here](#)

James H Parke Memorial Scholarship

- One (1) scholarship of up to \$20,000 will be awarded per year for tuitions and fees, books and supplies and/or room and board or other educational needs
- Learn more about the scholarship and eligibility [here](#)

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1. Follow our Instagram, [@americanredcrossyouth](https://www.instagram.com/americanredcrossyouth)
2. Check 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 and you might be featured on our Instagram, 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](#)!

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attended and how we can
improve future calls!

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SIGN IN

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

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Any Questions?

Thank you so much for your time

We hope to see you in future
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