

TEENS P.A.C.T.

PEER LEADER APPLICATION

(Application Deadline: May 16, 2020)

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Teens P.A.C.T. (*Positive Actions and Choices for Teens*) Peer Leader! Every year Teens P.A.C.T. selects a group of passionate young people dedicated to positively impacting their peers and community at large. By submitting an application, you accept the challenge of leadership and are thus one step closer to joining the Teens P.A.C.T. team.

Before filling out an application, please take time to thoroughly read this letter as there are a few considerations to be made before deciding whether or not being a Teens P.A.C.T. Peer Leader is right for you.

What is Teens P.A.C.T.?

Teens P.A.C.T. is a program of Community Healthcare Network. Community Healthcare Network is a network of thirteen clinics that strives to meet the healthcare needs of patients in some of New York City's most underserved communities. Teens P.A.C.T. is designed to promote sexual health among young people regardless of whether or not they are sexually active. Our goals are to prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and HIV among NYC youth. We provide confidential reproductive healthcare (birth control, STI and HIV counseling services, GYN exams, etc.) at no cost. We also provide workshops and education on a range of topics (Safer Sex, Reproductive Health, Peer Pressure, etc.) to teens in schools and throughout the community. Finally, we sponsor opportunities for young people to foster new relationships and build skills through participation in free youth development and recreational activities.

The Peer Leader Program

The Peer Leader Program is very similar to a paid internship. In addition to receiving a salary, the program is designed to help you develop solid work experience and important interpersonal skills. This is not only a job; it is a learning experience! Accordingly, we are looking for outgoing teens that have a strong sense of community building and are willing to grow in this position. Teens P.A.C.T. offers a competitive hourly salary for the following:

Summer: 24 hours per week during July and August, Monday-Thursday from 10am-5pm

School year: After school with a maximum of 12 hours per week

Salary: \$12 per hour

Teens P.A.C.T. Peer Leaders benefit from their employment in a number of ways: participation in trips and excursions, attendance at an annual weekend retreat, assistance with college applications, attendance at conferences, participation in community service projects, you may be eligible to receive school credit for community service or work study, and more. Many of these activities will also be available to your friends and other teens that join our program.

Employment Eligibility

Peer Leader candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 19 years old in order to be eligible for the position. All teens are encouraged to apply. **Peer Leader candidates under the age of 18 must have parental permission and must be able to obtain working papers by June 12, 2020.**

Any candidate that will have summer school classes for the summer of 2020 is **NOT** eligible for the position because they will not be able to fully participate in our training schedule.

The Application Process and Requirements (* = Mandatory)

1. All applications must be received in no later than **May 16, 2020**. *
2. Upon submission, applications will be reviewed and screened by the Teens P.A.C.T. staff. A select number of candidates will be contacted to take part in an interview at the end of May 2020.
3. If a candidate is not selected for an interview, they are not in consideration for the position.
4. Candidates that interview will be notified no later than the second week of June 2020.

Responsibilities

Summer Responsibilities:

All Peer Educators will undergo *paid stipend* training on a variety of issues related to the position. The purpose of the training is to prepare you to confidently carry out your responsibilities during the school year. All trainings are **mandatory** and will require a minimum commitment of 6 hours a day, 4 days a week (Monday through Thursday) for the months of July and August 2020. **If you are unavailable to work during these weeks, you are not eligible for this position.** Sorry, no exceptions!

School Year Responsibilities (Varies depending on time of year):

- Facilitate workshops and presentations on teen related and sexual health issues
- Plan and conduct outreach to promote reproductive health services
- Develop public service announcements and other media related projects
- Represent the agency at health fairs and conferences
- Help plan and implement an annual youth conference
- Additional duties as assigned

Your commitment: In addition to summer training, you will need to be available to work 3-4 days during the week (approximately 10-12 hours) and occasionally on a weekend during the school year. All hours worked during the school year are paid, but are not allowed to exceed 12 hours a week except on rare occasions. If you need more hours than this, please reconsider submitting your application.

The salary for Peer educators is \$12 per hour regardless of the time of year. You will be paid for all hours worked, including summer training. You must be willing to commit yourself to the program from the beginning of July 2020 through the end of May 2021.

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Sorry no exceptions!

Please submit all applications by May 16, 2020 to:

teenspact@chnnyc.org. Please place your full name and site you are submitting to (Brooklyn or Harlem) in the subject line of the email. You can also use the email above if you have any questions concerning the application or the available position.

Good luck!

Community Healthcare Network
Teens P.A.C.T Peer Educator Application

Please complete the following application thoroughly and honestly. Please print clearly and use a pen. If you have any questions, please ask the Teens P.A.C.T. staff. Be sure to answer ALL questions. Thank you.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Mailing Address:

Street: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age: _____

Applying for: Harlem Brooklyn

How did you hear about Teens P.A.C.T.?

Friend _____ School _____ Agency (please name) _____

Other _____

Do you know anyone who has ever been a Teens P.A.C.T. Peer Educator? If yes, please name that person.

Are you available Monday through Thursday from 10am-5pm during July AND August 2020?

July: Yes No August: Yes No

Are you available to work after school from September 2020 to May 2021 between 3-6pm? :

Monday: Yes No Tuesday: Yes No

Wednesday: Yes No

Thursday: Yes No

Please list any activities, organizations, interests to which you have given your time OUTSIDE of your school setting. (It's ok if Teens P.A.C.T. will be your first program too!)

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Which of the above have you committed yourself to the most? Why?

Limiting yourself to the space provided, please answer the following questions:

Teens PACT is a diverse community in terms of race/ethnicity, citizenship, sexual orientation, ability etc. so one thing that is VERY important to us is respect for all identities. How would you contribute to this culture?

What are some issues in your community you care about and why? (Ex: gang violence, education, health care, teen pregnancy, racial injustice.)

State one current event topic you are following? What's your opinion on this issue?

In the position of a peer leader, how would you use social media as a resource to educate?

What area of sexual health do you think young people need more knowledge on? Why?

Is there anything else you would like to add in support of your application?
