

TEENS P.A.C.T. **PEER LEADER APPLICATION**

(Application Deadline: APRIL 27, 2024)

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 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 inclusive sexual health among young people regardless of whether they are sexually active. Our goals are to prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and HIV among New York City youth. We provide confidential reproductive healthcare (birth control, sexually transmitted infection and HIV counseling services, GYN exams, etc.) at low to no cost. We also provide virtual 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 Education Program

The Peer Education 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! We are looking for outgoing teens who 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: Up to 24 hours per week during July and August

School year: A maximum of 12 hours per week.

Teens P.A.C.T. Peer Leader benefit from their employment in several 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 who join our program.

Employment Eligibility

Peer Educator candidates must be between 14 and 18 years old to be eligible for the position. All genders are encouraged to apply. **Peer Educator candidates under 18 must have parental permission and be able to obtain working papers by June 7, 2024.** Any candidate that will have



summer school classes for the summer of 2024 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 no later than **April 27, 2024**. *
2. Anyone submitting an employment application *MUST* attend our Youth Summit, PERIODT POWER! Why? The summit is a fantastic way to get a sense of what will be expected of you if you are hired as a peer leader. It's also an opportunity to meet our current peers and ask questions about the position. Finally, it is a great way to learn about your sexual health- information you need to be an effective peer leader. Check out Instagram and TikTok pages @teenspact for event information and registration links. Details are as follows:

Summit: PERIODT POWER!

Where: The Center
208 W 13th St.
New York, NY 10011

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Applications will be accepted at the summit.

3. 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 a VIRTUAL interview in mid-May 2024.
4. If a candidate is not selected for an interview, including **facilitating a 5-minute presentation**, they are not in consideration for the position.
5. Candidates selected for interviews will be notified no later than the end of May 2024.

Responsibilities

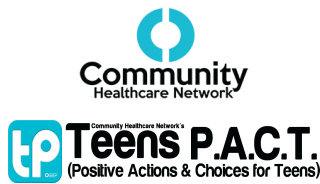
Summer Responsibilities:

All Peer Educators will receive a paid stipend of \$15 an hour while training on various topics related to the position. The training prepares you to confidently carry out your responsibilities during the school year. All training courses are **in-person and mandatory** and will require a minimum commitment of 6 hours a day, 2-3 days a week (Monday through Thursday) for July and August 2024.

If you are unavailable to work during these weeks, you are NOT eligible for this position.

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

- Facilitate workshops, presentations and social media campaigns 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 (10-12 hours weekly) 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.

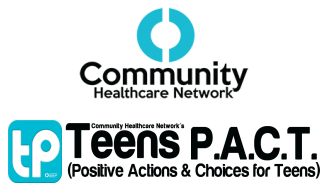
The salary for Peer educators is \$15 per hour regardless of the time of year. You will be paid for all hours worked, including summer training. You must be willing to commit yourself to the program from the beginning of July 2024 through the end of May 2025.

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

There will be no exceptions!

Please submit all applications by April 27th, 2024

If you have additional questions please email Teenspact@chnnyc.org



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

Please complete the following application thoroughly. 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: _____ Pronouns: _____

Mailing Address:

Street: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZipCode _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age: _____

Applying for: **UPTOWN** (Harlem, Washington Heights, Bronx)

DOWNTOWN (Brooklyn, Lower East Side)

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 2024?

July: Yes

No

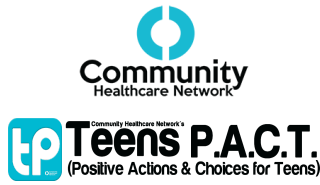
August: Yes

No

Are you available to work after school from September 2024 to May 2024 between 4-6pm?

Monday: Yes

No



Tuesday: Yes No

Wednesday: Yes No

Thursday: Yes No

Please list any activities, organizations, or 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!)

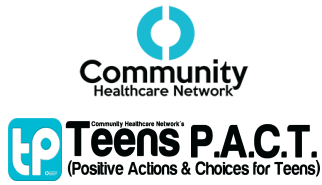
ACTIVITY OR INTEREST	LENGTH OF YOUR COMMITMENT	LEADERSHIP POSITION, IF ANY

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

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

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

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



What area of sexual health and wellness do you think young people need more knowledge about and why?

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