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Mount Sinai S.P.E.E.K. Peer Educator Application

(Application deadline: July 7th, 2020)

Thank you for your interest in becoming a S.P.E.E.K. Peer Educator. Each year we select a new group of young people that are motivated and passionate about making an impact on their peers and community.

Please thoroughly read this application before applying for the program to ensure this position is right for you.

What is S.P.E.E.K.?

S.P.E.E.K. stands for Sinai Peers Encouraging Empowerment Through Knowledge. We are a peer education program located at the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center. The Adolescent Health Center is available for anyone between the ages of 10-24 and offers free confidential and comprehensive healthcare to anyone regardless of their immigration status and insurance. We offer primary care such as physicals, STI/HIV testing and treatment, pregnancy tests, birth control options, routine checkups, vaccines, prenatal care and legal services. In addition those we also offer free dental and optical care and of course mental health such as social workers and psychologists. There are different support groups such as Teen Fit, LGBTQ+, HIV positive youth and many more (at no cost). We believe it's important for our youth to be integrated into the clinic and be knowledgeable of the many services provided in order to help their peers or others in their community to the services they may need. We provide workshops and education on topics such as safer sex, reproductive health, healthy relationships, and more to youth in schools and community based organizations. We find opportunities to incorporate our youth program participants (S.P.E.E.K peer educators and MAPSCorps Participants) in community outreach, meet other peer groups, and enjoy fun activities together.

The Peer Education Program

The peer education program is similar to a paid internship and you receive a monthly stipend. The program provides you an opportunity to grow your public speaking skills, gain knowledge and skills related to key sexual and reproductive health information, new friends and learn invaluable information that you'll carry with you throughout your life. We are looking for a bright, passionate, diverse, motivated, responsible group of young people that are interested in



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sharing and learning information about sexual reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, STI, pregnancy, birth control, healthy relationships, gender and sexuality and much more.

Tentative summer: Tuesday- Thursday, 10am - 4pm, Friday 10am-1pm **18** hours a week from July 20th- August 28th, 2020.

School Year: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays for **6** hours a week.

Stipend: \$ 12 / hour

Employment Eligibility

Must be a high school sophomore or junior between the ages of 15-17, to be eligible for the position. If candidates have summer school during the work hours, they are not eligible.

- **All applicants must have working papers and parental/guardian consent to work**
- All applications must be received no later than: **July 7th, 2020**
- All applications will be reviewed and those selected will be contacted to undergo an interview which will begin by: **June 15th, 2020**
- If you were not selected for an interview, then you were not in consideration for the program at this time, we encourage you to apply again next year.
- If selected to be a peer educator, you will be notified directly by staff via email.
- If selected to be a peer educator, you will need to complete the following steps for clearance through our volunteer department:
 - Background check
 - Drug Screening
 - HIPPA & Sexual harassment training
 - 2 PPD tests*
 - Physical*

*The PPD & Physicals can be done at your personal doctor's office or at the Adolescent Health Center ☺

Please Note: A positive drug test could result in ineligibility from volunteering at Mount Sinai in the future. If this is a concern for you or if you have questions regarding it, please feel free to reach out to staff prior to testing.

***No exceptions will be made for incomplete, or late applications nor for peers who are unavailable to work during all of the summer hours or commitment to the fall hours.*



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Requirement & Responsibilities

Summer:

Once selected to become a peer educator you are required (mandatory) to attend all training dates, workshops and outreach events. The training period (summer) is meant to prepare you and teach you all the information you'll need to know in order to conduct your outreach responsibilities throughout the school year. Summer training from July 20th to August 28th Monday-Friday are mandatory. **If you're not available to work during these hours and weeks, then you're not eligible to apply.**

School Year:

All peers must attend afterschool SPEEK meetings Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday from 4:15pm-6:15pm.

- Attend free retreat weekend in the fall
- Attend workshops from guest speakers
- Plan and host game night
- Develop social media content
- Develop and maintain clinic display
- Make condom kits
- Develop educational material
- Attend community outreach events
- Assist with workshops
- Additional duties as assigned

Your commitment and expectations

In addition to the summer training, you must be available for the fall hours as well, if you're unable to commit to this time frame please consider applying for next year. You're expected to work 18 hours a week in the summer and 6 hours throughout the school year and occasionally on the weekends to attend the weekend group retreat at Camp Ramapo as well as attend outreach events from partners. All hours worked are paid throughout the summer and school year.

You will receive a monthly stipend, you will be in charge of filling out your own timesheet to reflect your hours worked. You must be willing to make a commitment from July 2020 to August 2021.



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Please submit your application to: Kymberly.Gonzalez@mountsinai.org and CC Ragavan.Sivanesathurai@mountsinai.org in the email.

Be sure to include your full name, best way to contact you, whether it's via email or phone. If you have any questions or concerns about the application please email Kymberly and Ragavan (above). Thank you for your interest. Please review the application, you meet the eligibility requirement and can make the commitment fill out everything below, we look forward to receiving your application. Good luck! 😊

Name: _____

Age _____ Gender: M _____ F _____ Prefer not to say: _____ Other :

Preferred Gender Pronouns: _____

Preferred Name: _____

High School: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____ Best time to call:

Alternate phone # to leave a message: (_____) _____ - _____

Please answer all the questions below (on the next page), otherwise your application will be deemed incomplete.



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1. Why are you interested in becoming a Peer Educator? What is a skill that you would like to gain or develop from being in the peer education program?

2. What qualities do you have that will make you a good Peer Educator?



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3. What are some issues that you are passionate about? How would you use social media or other platforms to get that message across?

4. What are some concerns or issues that are relevant to young people or in the community that you think needs to be discussed?

If you have any issues filling out the application, copy and paste the written portion into a google or word document and email it to Kymberly.Gonzalez@mountsinai.org and CC Ragavan.Sivanesathurai@mountsinai.org .