

# NECYSC Residential Advisor (RA) Application 2021

## General Information

<b>Camp Location:</b>	Regis College, 235 Wellesley St., Weston, MA 02493
<b>Age Requirement:</b>	19 years old (by August 2021) or rising sophomore in college.
<b>Timeline:</b>	
<b>February 1st</b>	RA Online registration starts
<b>April 4th</b>	Google Form Applications due at 11:59pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upon <i>acceptance</i> into the RA program, individuals must submit within 2 weeks:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Health Forms within 13 months of camp</li> <li>○ CORI Form</li> <li>○ SORI Form</li> <li>○ Photo ID</li> <li>○ Medical release forms as needed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	RA online interviews (we will reach out to you)
<b>July 31st</b>	Staff training
<b>August 1st-August 7th</b>	Camp session

## Camp Overview

The New England Chinese Youth Summer Camp (NECYSC) started in 1986. NECYSC is a non-profit organization whose goal is to bring together youth interested in Chinese culture and foster a sense of community. We are looking for dedicated, responsible, and passionate Residential Advisors (RAs) to lead campers in daily activities. RAs interact extensively, cooperatively, and creatively with each other and with other camp staff to hone their teaching, leading, and communication skills.

Established in 2002 as an expansion of NECYSC Senior Program, ExplorAsian is a week-long, overnight summer program for students with ages from 14 to 16 who are interested in learning about Chinese American identity and related issues, building leadership skills, having fun, and meeting new people. The goal of ExplorAsian is to empower youth to become leaders in their communities.

## RA Job Description

The Residential Advisor (RA) position for ExplorAsian is a unique leadership role ideal for college/graduate students, and young professionals interested in education, youth mentoring, cultural involvement, and community service. We are looking for energetic, enthusiastic self-starters who are passionate about working with and helping youth gain an understanding of Chinese-American history and identity and developing the next generation of Chinese-American leaders. This is an overnight camp with room and meals included. You must have reliable transportation to camp. There is a stipend awarded at the completion of the camp week.

## As an RA, you will be:

- **Mentoring high school students ages 14-16 and participating in all activities with them.** This includes:
  - \* Leading workshops and afternoon elective classes (arts, crafts, sports, or your expertise)
  - \* Helping campers with their final performances and camper-led projects
  - \* Assisting in the day-to-day duties of the camp
  - \* Running evening activities (e.g. Casino Night, Games Night, Movie Night, Dance Night)
  - \* Chaperoning field trips
- **Developing leadership skills.** During camp, you'll have to think on your feet, take charge of tough situations, and mentor other staff members. As a role model for both campers and other staff, you'll have several opportunities to improve your leadership skills.
- **Fostering a sense of community for campers and forming valuable relationships.** Not only will you interact with campers and other staff members, but you will also communicate with teachers, TAs, parents, Regis College staff, and many others.
- **In addition:** Accountable for camper safety, participating in and encouraging campers to engage in activities, escorting campers around campus to and from activities or as necessary, supporting campers with interpersonal issues, multitasking, communication and pre-planning with staff prior to the start of camp, set-up and take down of camp, engaging with campers and encouraging them to meet new campers during free time, Report concerns to the HRA, attend evening meetings and planning after campers' lights out.

### Requirements:

- Be 19 years of age or have completed one year of college
- Able to participate in physical activity
- High energy and a positive attitude
- Able to operate on limited sleep
- Able to communicate reliably over walkie-talkies, email, and other internet-based means
- Able to work as a team
- Able to commit to the full camp session (August 1-7), arriving early as requested (staff training on July 31)

### Desired Qualifications:

(These will ONLY BENEFIT you, it WILL NOT work as your disadvantage. Please reach out if you have questions.)

- Prior experience working with teenagers and leadership experience is preferred
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to creatively problem solve
- Ability to adapt
- Ability to thrive in an energetic environment
- Ability to speak and understand Mandarin
- Access to a vehicle
- CPR certified

### Notice

*Due to the global pandemic, there is a possibility that NECYSC will be unable to host an in-person camp for summer 2021. The information and details provided are applicable under the assumption that NECYSC will host an in-person camp. **All information is subject to change in the event that NECYSC is unable to host an in-person camp.** Please reach out to the Head Counselor team with any questions.*

## Other

This is a paid position. Acceptance is contingent on a CORI/SORI check. RAs must stay on campus all week.

Questions? Contact [headcounselors@necytc.org](mailto:headcounselors@necytc.org) AND [explorasian@necytc.org](mailto:explorasian@necytc.org).

## Application (due April 4th)

Please enter your applicant information and answer the following questions in [this form](#).

### Applicant Information:

Name  
Preferred Pronouns  
Home Address  
Current School (year of graduation) or Occupation (list employer)  
Date of Birth  
Telephone (most easily reached)  
Personal Email  
Last six digits of social security number (for CORI/SORI check)

### Please answer the following questions:

1. What qualities make you a strong leader, and how do you embody these qualities?
2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. Please list any previous camp experience (as a planner/organizer/counselor, or camper), and any other involvement in mentoring, coaching, or similar activities. Briefly describe your experience.
4. Please list two references (name, phone #, email) who can speak to your ability to mentor, work with, and lead children.
5. As an RA, you will be expected to lead a workshop on a topic of your choice. While the content of the workshop can vary based on your interests, we do aim to have subjects that are related to culture, and or education. What would you lead a workshop on? (ex. Hip hop dance workshop, Asian American history, etc.) Why are you interested in teaching on the subject?
6. Applicants will be required to go through phone and/or online interviews during the month of April. Please list any geographic or time constraints. In addition, please list any possible conflicts you may have that would keep you from accepting the RA position if and when you are hired.

**Note:** The RA selection process is selective due to the limited number of spots and the competitive applicant pool. Based on your application, we will contact you if we would like to proceed with an interview. If contacted, the interview is required to be considered. Interviews will be conducted online in April.

Have you submitted everything?

- ✓ Applicant information and responses to supplemental questions as detailed above, submitted in the google form.
- ✓ RA Online Registration completed online at [www.necytc.org](http://www.necytc.org) (opens February 1st)
- ✓ Upon acceptance to the RA program, within two weeks, mail RA Forms to NECYSC's PO Box (forms and PO Box address will be published on [www.necytc.org](http://www.necytc.org) on Feb 1st):
  - Health Form B (required) [Health Form B can be substituted with a physical or documents containing the same information but signed by healthcare providers]
  - Medication Permission Slip (*optional*),
  - CORI/SORI (required)
  - Photo ID

**Note:** You may check your online registration status at [www.necytc.org/status/](http://www.necytc.org/status/).