

CLYLP STAFF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY

Statewide Leadership Conference Peer Counselor

PLEASE REVIEW THE BELOW INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION.

CHICANO LATINO YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT BACKGROUND

The CLYLP is a statewide, community-based volunteer organization whose mission is to enhance and build the leadership potential of California's youth to build communities and create a stronger more prosperous state and nation. CLYLP programs connect young people with community volunteers, policymakers and professionals to motivate leadership and civic engagement by strengthening cultural identity, self-confidence and community connections; and open doors to academic achievement, career growth, and leadership opportunities. CLYLP programs provide an opportunity to young people at a crucial moment in their lives to build their capacity and ambition, as well as alter their life courses.

THE STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Statewide Leadership Conference (SLC) is an intensive one-week program open to 120 incoming juniors and seniors from all over California. Students are housed at CSU Sacramento and attend powerful workshops centered around the four 'C's – Culture, Community, College, and Career and/or regional issues.

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The CLYLP SLC provides a life-changing experience for high school students with the help of a special team of volunteers. Serving as conference Facilitators, Peer Counselors and Support Staff, these exceptional individuals commit to spending one full week in Sacramento mentoring and sharing their talents with students, making a significant impact on the students' lives. CLYLP seeks energetic volunteers from various backgrounds and experiences to guide and shape California's future leaders. CLYLP alumni are especially welcomed to re-connect with the CLYLP familia by volunteering as a conference staff member.

COMMITMENT AND REQUIREMENTS

The main responsibility of conference staff is to supervise and ensure the safety of the high school participants. Staff are required to participate in all conference activities and must commit to attend and stay on site for the full nine days. Volunteers will complete one day of training prior to the start of the conference.

SLC CONFERENCE DATES, LOCATION AND TRAVEL

- The SLC will take place in July 2025
- All volunteer staff members are required to arrive in Sacramento by the evening of the Thursday prior to student arrival, to complete a mandatory orientation and training session on Friday
- Persons selected to become SLC staff will be given further information about their specific roles and duties
- Volunteers are housed at CSU Sacramento, and all activities take place in the City of Sacramento
- Transportation to and from Sacramento is provided by CLYLP.

OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

CLYLP has several other programs available for volunteers. Please consider applying for Peer Counselor or Support Staff positions at a regional institute near you:

Bay Area Institute June 2025 @ UC Berkeley	Inland Empire Institute July 2025 @ UC Riverside
Central Valley Institute June 2025 @ Fresno State	Los Angeles Institute July 2025 @ UCLA

PEER COUNSELOR POSITION

Under the direct supervision of the Facilitator, the Peer Counselor aids in the supervision of ten student participants. The Peer Counselor helps to monitor students and expedite travel between program sessions/activities. The Peer Counselor's fundamental responsibility is to serve as a positive role model to all student participants.

The Peer Counselor position is an opportunity for CLYLP alumni to demonstrate their leadership abilities by creating a positive and safe experience for the high school participants. It is not a space to recreate your personal experience as a participant.

PEER COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Observe and enforce conference rules and guidelines
- Support and adhere to the guidance of assigned Facilitator
- Monitor the whereabouts of assigned students through the entire week
- Assist with and participate in activities throughout the conference
- Assist with small group sessions
- Duties as assigned by the facilitator or conference coordinator

EFFECTIVE PEER COUNSELORS:

- Maintain effective communication with their assigned Facilitator
- Model the behavior expected of all student participants and conference staff
- Stimulate discussion in their group sessions by actively listening and participating in the discussion if relevant and warranted
- Generate enthusiasm, exhibit a positive attitude and contribute to group cohesiveness

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to serve as a Peer Counselor, you must:

- Be an alumni of a CLYLP high school program
- Be a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate degree at a university or community college **OR**
- Currently be a graduating high school senior and planning to enroll full-time at a community college or university in Fall 2025
- Can live anywhere in California. CLYLP will coordinate travel arrangements to Sacramento.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The application is an online form found at clylp.org/staff-application

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Demographic information
- Current employment information
- Education information
- CLYLP Participation
- 2 Essays
 - What have you accomplished since you completed your CLYLP Program? Focus on any leadership roles/projects you might have engaged in because of the influence CLYLP had on you.
 - Based on your understanding of the position, why do you feel you would make an excellent Peer Counselor? Focus on what you have to offer or share with student participants that might motivate or encourage them to reach their goals.

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