

Center for Creative Youth Residential Advisor Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Residential Advisor for The Center for Creative Youth. The dates of the program are June 26th through July 30st. Staff orientation and training takes place from June 21st to June 24th. You must be available for all of these dates to be considered for the position.

As you are likely a former CCY student, you understand the intense nature of the program. Becoming a Residential Advisor requires a great deal of passion, commitment and organization. The RA staff is made up of a diverse group of people with various experiences in the arts and teaching; many of our RAs return year after year, and are a valuable source of support not only to the students, but to the RAs who are new to the staff.

A new Residential Advisor at The Center for Creative Youth can expect the following tasks to be a part of their regular schedule: Work as Teaching Assistant in a morning class and in afternoon interdisciplinary class, attending and participating in regular staff and faculty meetings, conducting leadership meetings, overseeing performances and coffeehouses, conducting one or more workshops, monitoring practice rooms, studios and dark rooms, chaperoning trips into town, attending meals regularly, and checking in students at curfew. Some duties are more intangible than everyday tasks; these include: being available to students when you are on duty, creating a positive hall atmosphere, being a leader and a role model, referring students for special services when necessary, handling crises and emergencies in a procedural and efficient manner, communicating concerns with faculty and staff as appropriate, and maintaining a clearly defined relationship with students in and out of the classroom.

All of these duties may seem daunting, but there is a network of support to help you complete your first summer with ease. In addition, there are several rewards to being a Residential Advisor of which you may not be aware. CCY is a wonderful place to rejuvenate the artist within that sometimes gets knocked around during the school year. What better way to develop your own skills than by being a role model in classes for those younger than you? If you are considering applying to be an RA at your college or university, CCY is a wonderful place to gain valuable first hand experience for your resume. Several of our past RAs have become Residential Advisors at their schools. Many of CCY's Residential Advisors have gone on to become teachers after having discovered a love for the art form and the work as teaching assistants. CCY is also a wonderful place to meet people in your field and to network with them!

Although being a CCY RA is certainly hard work, the intrinsic rewards are there for those who are not afraid to give of themselves, who care for the students and who have a passion for the arts. We encourage you to apply, and look forward to reading your application.

Please return to CCY by March 1, 2005

We will try to notify applicants of our Residential Advisor decisions by April 15th. However we cannot promise that all of our staffing decisions will be final as of that date. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR APPLICATION

NAME _____

Address: (Home) _____

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Telephone: (Home) _____ (School) _____ (cell) _____

Best time to call: _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

School you are attending: _____

Proposed year of graduation and degree: _____

Major studying: _____

Other areas of interest or special studies: _____

What are the dates of your Spring Break? From: _____ to: _____

Previous school or art programs attended or participated in: _____

Do you speak any foreign languages? If so, which one(s): _____

Do you have B & W photo/darkroom experience? _____

Digital Editing experiences? _____ Digital Imaging experience? _____ Do you

have any first aid or water safety skills? _____ Explain: _____ What is

the approximate date of the end of your school year? _____

What year did you attend CCY? _____ What was your art form? _____

Who was your Residential Advisor while you were at CCY? _____

What art form(s) are you qualified to assist? _____

Is there an Interdisciplinary art form you would especially like to assist? 2nd Choice?

Briefly describe your Leadership Project:

Please describe any teaching experience you have:

Briefly describe what contributions you could make to the morning major skills classes, interdisciplinary classes and the dormitory structure of CCY:

Why do you want to work with students ages 15-18 in a residential setting?

What do you expect to gain out of being a CCY Residential Advisor?

What Residential Advisor workshop might you want to lead? (Residential Advisor workshops are held in the evenings and on weekends.)

Please explain how you would deal with the following situations, being as specific as possible. Use the back of this sheet if necessary.

Bill, a talented young writer, oversleeps, misses classes, and apparently seems incoherent at times. You have known him for one week.

Ellen works on her art projects constantly, always trying to perfect her craft, but refuses to respect curfew, often leaving the dorm after hours. You have known her for 10 days.

You are on duty this evening, covering Coffeehouse, you are signed up to monitor the music practice rooms, you have asked a student to meet with you to work on their monologue and you are expecting an important phone call that you must take. How do you balance your time and what are your priorities?

In addition to completing this application, you must supply the Center for Creative Youth with two references, preferably one personal and one professional, who have known you for at least 2-3 years. Be sure to include the reference's full name, address, phone number, and email address. Thank you.

Note: The dates for CCY 2005 are June 26 through July 30.
Mandatory Residential Advisor training will begin Tuesday, June 21.