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Job Description

Organization: AAPIC Youth Council
Job Title: Youth Council Member
Status: Part-Time (12 hours per month), Monday - Friday
Stipend: \$15.00/hour
Location: Mostly remote (some training sessions and meetings may be in-person)
Apply By: April 19, 2023
Start date: September 2023 (or earlier, depending on onboarding timeline)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American & Pacific Islanders Commission (AAPIC) is a permanent statewide body that was established under [section 68 of chapter 3](#) of the Massachusetts General Laws, which went into effect on October 29, 2006. The AAPIC was formed in recognition of the General Court's findings that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders constitute the fastest-growing minority population in both the Commonwealth and the United States, that they represent a diverse population within the Commonwealth, and that many members of the AAPI community have overcome great hardship and made outstanding contributions to the educational, economic, technological, and cultural well-being of the Commonwealth, but still face many challenges in their efforts for full social, economic, and political integration within the Commonwealth.

Position Overview

The Youth Council Member works collaboratively with staff, Commissioners, and community partners to carry out the responsibilities below and reports to the Youth Coordinator.

About the Youth Council

In 2021, the Youth Council was envisioned by Education Committee Chair, Meena Bharath, with support from various commissioners and staff, including Yasmin Padamsee Forbes, Sam Hyun, Lily Tang, Haniya Syeda, amidst others, based on the concerns heard from AAPI students related to racism and lack of concrete actions in their school districts. The first Youth Coordinator is Abdul Haseeb Hamza, who helped actualize the Youth Council. The intent is to elevate young people's voices, and promote leadership values among AAPI youth across Massachusetts. The Youth Council consists of a diverse group of AAPI high school students who are interested in influencing social change and policy. Youth Council members are given training and mentorship, networking and opportunities to exercise their voice.

Responsibilities

- They will work to elevate AAPI youth voices and experiences across Massachusetts
- Students will work 12 hours per month which includes a monthly meeting as well as any other tasks needed to complete projects
- Students will attend training sessions planned by AAPIC and have opportunities to meet AAPI elected officials and Commissioners.
- Students will complete various community engagement and service tasks throughout the appointed term



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- Students will be expected to complete monthly projects assigned by the staff
- In May, students will work together to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month and AAPI Youth Day by highlighting youth voices outside of the Council

Qualifications

- Currently enrolled high school student in Massachusetts and able to obtain work permit
- 1 year of experience within youth or community services
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

To Apply

Please fill out the [Application Form](#) by **April 19, 2023**. The form involves answering questions and uploading a resume.