

# CALLING ALL 16-18 YEAR OLD STUDENTS!

Apply now to be a part of the first ever teen cohort at the Asian American Resource Center. You'll be joined by other youth for a one-of-kind opportunity to connect with an adult mentor as we explore our cultural identity, career paths as AAPI, and community engagement.

Mentees who are accepted into the program can expect to receive the following (and more!):

- Pairing with an adult professional in the Austin area, who can provide one-on-one mentorship.
- Discussions on AAPI identity, history, and our relationship with it.
- Opportunities to learn more about public service particularly with the city of Austin, career development, event planning, and community outreach.
- A final capstone project featuring a by-teens, for-teens event in May at the AARC.
- Mentees who complete the capstone project will also receive a certificate of completion and a written letter of recommendation to use for future college and employment applications.
- Participation can be used to count towards volunteer/community service hours.

**[Don't miss out! Submit your application by December 4, 2023.](#)**

## ***Additional information:***

- Who is eligible to apply to be a mentee?
  - Anyone between the ages of 16-18 years old who resides in Austin or surrounding suburbs.
- Does someone have to be Asian American or Pacific Islander (AAPI) to apply?
  - As a City of Austin program, anyone who meets the age and residence criteria can apply. However, since the program's content is designed for participants who do identify as AAPI, participants in the program will get the most out of it if they also identify as AAPI.
- What is required of mentees if they are accepted to the program?
  - Mentees will meet at the Asian American Resource Center twice a week starting in mid-January and ending in mid-May, with a week break for Spring Break. Attendance at these meetings is expected; however, we understand people have busy lives and things come up. If you are concerned about your ability to meet this expectation but would otherwise like to apply, we still encourage you to submit an application.
  - Most meetings will take place on-site at the AARC; however, depending on participant schedules, we may offer virtual meetings as well.
  - Mentees are expected to participate in a group, capstone project that will culminate in an in-person event at the AARC in May, which is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Attendance at the event is mandatory.
  - Snacks and/or light meals will be provided for participants, depending on the schedule.
- Do applicants need to have a car to participate?
  - Mentees are not required to have their own car; however, AARC will not be able to provide transportation, so we strongly encourage all applicants to have reliable transportation to ensure they are able to adequately attend and participate in the program.