



Job Posting: Counselor

Meadowmount School of Music
Westport, NY

Dates: Full-time onsite June 15 to August 10, 2025 (1 training week plus 7 weeks)

Compensation:

For Meadowmount Students: A stipend equivalent to tuition and room & board.

For Parents/Guardians of Students: A stipend equivalent to one student's tuition. Room & Board is provided.

For all other applicants: Room & board and a stipend of \$4,620 is provided.

Student Counselors Note - For Counselors who are accepted as Meadowmount students, they are considered counselor first and student second. Student Counselors are responsible for ensuring their duties are covered while in lessons, chamber music coachings, and rehearsals. In making the decision to apply for the Counselor position, students are encouraged to weigh the responsibilities and requirements of the counselor position alongside artistic and learning goals for the summer.

Room and Board: Private room with AC, all meals provided June 15 to August 10.

About Meadowmount:

One of the most unique experiences for a young musician; I would recommend this program to any student with ambitious dreams in music!

– 2024 Meadowmount Student

Founded in 1944 by legendary violin teacher Ivan Galamian, the Meadowmount School of Music is a seven-week summer program for violinists, violists, and cellists. Musicians ages 10 to 30 from around the world gather at the school's campus in the Adirondack Mountains in northern New York to immerse themselves in an environment where they can focus on personal and artistic development through intensive training with leading faculty, individual practice, chamber music, and performance opportunities. With a capacity enrollment of 180 on the 49-building, 240-acre campus, the school retains an intimacy that provides for personal attention and fosters camaraderie among students. Many students return year after year, and alumni retain strong connections and return as faculty and guest artists, ensuring the continuity of the Meadowmount teaching tradition.

Position Overview: Counselors have an essential role at the Meadowmount School of Music, directly impacting students' day-to-day experiences. This live-in position is responsible for creating a positive, structured environment that supports student growth, fosters a sense of community, and ensures students' safety and wellbeing. Counselors work closely with students, staff, and faculty to maintain the daily schedule and uphold school policies.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

Student Support and Supervision:

- Oversee the daily activities and schedules of students aged 12-17.
- Assist students with their transition to Meadowmount life, providing guidance and support as needed.
- Conduct regular check-ins to ensure students are following their practice schedules and upholding school policies.
- Supervise students during designated practice hours, free time, and scheduled activities.
- Maintain a record of students' whereabouts and assist with concert attendance tracking.

Program Implementation:

- Assist in facilitating a structured and positive dormitory environment.
- Encourage student participation in activities, helping them to balance practice, recreation, and rest.
- In addition to supervising students within their dorm, Counselors are responsible for monitoring under-18 students during the afternoon and on weekends, and actively plan and lead clubs, activities, and field trips.
- Serve as a liaison between students and staff, promoting clear communication and addressing any issues that arise.
- Supervise off-campus trips, field activities, and evening concerts as assigned.

Leadership and Collaboration:

- Serve as a positive role model for students, embodying the values of Meadowmount.
- Collaborate with the Director and Assistant Director of Campus Life, faculty, and other staff members to ensure a consistent and fair implementation of school policies.
- Support fellow counselors and contribute to a cohesive, team-oriented environment.
- Report student issues, rule infractions, or emergencies to as appropriate.

Emergency Response:

- Be prepared to handle emergencies and implement safety protocols. This could range from a medical emergency, shelter-in-place during storms, power outage, or wildlife inside a building.
- Provide first aid and seek medical assistance if necessary. Remain with students, this may include taking students to the emergency room or clinic.
- Document and report incidents promptly and accurately.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Experience working with students aged 13-17, preferably in a camp or residential setting.
- Strong leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to foster a supportive, positive atmosphere in the dormitory and across campus.
- CPR, First Aid, and AED certification preferred.
- A valid driver's license is a plus.
- Ability to pass a background check.
- Ability to participate in various physical activities, including standing, walking, and lifting up to 25 pounds.
- Willingness to work outdoors in varying weather conditions.

How to Apply (for candidates not applying via the Accepted portal for student applications):

- Please send a pdf of your professional resume with a cover letter explaining your interest in this position to meadowmount@meadowmount.org.
- The earliest deadline for applications is January 15, 2025, however hiring will continue until all positions are filled.