

MEADOWMOUNT

School of Music

Job Posting: Counselor

Location: Westport, NY

Dates: Full-time onsite. Arrive June 14 and depart August 8, 2026 (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.

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 and meals provided June 14 to August 8.

Reports to: Senior Counselors and Head Counselor

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:

- Supervise students age 13-17 during designated practice hours, free time, and scheduled activities
- 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.
- When on duty, monitor and be responsible for students' location and activities.

Program Implementation:

- Assist in facilitating a structured and positive dorm 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 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 staff to ensure a consistent and fair implementation of Meadowmount policies.
- Support fellow counselors and contribute to a cohesive, team-oriented environment.
- Report emergencies and health situations immediately, and report student issues and rule infractions promptly and 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 to 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.
- Willingness to become CPR and first aid certified and to respond to emergency situations that may occur.
- Willingness to work outdoors in varying weather conditions.
- Ability to participate in various physical activities, including standing, walking, and lifting up to 25 pounds.
- Ability to pass a background check.
- A valid driver's license is a plus.

How to Apply:

Students - Apply via Acceptd by January 14, 2026

Parents/Guardians - In addition to indicating interest as part of the student application via Acceptd, please send an email expressing interest to meadowmount@meadowmount.org. We welcome parents/guardians or other close family members to apply as a way to help offset their child/family member's tuition and be engaged as an active part of the Meadowmount community.

The earliest deadline for applications is January 14, 2026, however hiring will continue until all positions are filled.

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About Meadowmount:

I loved being surrounded by such excellent musicians. I feel I learned so much from my studio and my friends. I loved having so much time to practice. It was great to spend most of the day with my instrument. And I loved the concerts! I absorbed so much wonderful music this summer and I learned so much from seeing others perform. – 2025 Meadowmount Student

Founded in 1944 by legendary violin teacher Ivan Galamian, the Meadowmount School of Music is a seven-week summer intensive 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.
