

Meaning Makers

Please fill out this form to register for the 2019-2020 Meaning Makers program. Visit uua.org/meaningmakers to read a full description of the program.

Registration opens April 10th and participants are accepted on a rolling basis until the program is full or until May 6th. To be guaranteed financial aid consideration you MUST register by May 6th.

Applicants must identify as Unitarian Universalist, be out of high school (or the equivalent for home-schooled), and at least 18 and no older than 24 on August 1, 2019.

If you have questions, please contact us at 617-948-4359 or ya-cm@uua.org.

For a hard copy of this application, download this [PDF](#).

The 2019-2020 Meaning Makers is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and Southern Region in collaboration with [UBarU Camp and Retreat Center](#) and the Canadian Unitarian Council.

Personal Information

Name *

First Last

Preferred Name (if different than above)**Preferred Pronouns *****Address ***

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Email ***Phone Number *** - -

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Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) ***What UU communities have you participated in? ***

How did you learn about this program and the application process?

- from a minister, religious educator or other congregational staff person
 - from a fellow UU young adult
 - from an adult lay leader
 - from a parent or other family member
 - from a UUA staff person (this includes congregational life field staff)
 - from a Facebook post
 - from an email sent or forwarded to me
 - other
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Personal Identities

We collect identity information so that we can serve folks needs as well as possible, so that we can have well-balanced small groups, and so that we can plan for affinity groups at the retreat.

Gender (you may check all that apply) *

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Cisgender
- Transgender
- Other

Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply) *

- Black / of African descent
- Caribbean
- Native / American Indian
- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Latinx/a/o / Hispanic
- Middle Eastern / Arab
- White

Sexual/Affectional Orientation**Economic/Social class**

Please list anything else about your identities that will help us get a more full picture of who you are:

Letter of Recommendation

You will need to submit a letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to your UU identity and spiritual journey. Your recommender should share with us why they think Meaning Makers would be a good experience for you and how you will contribute to the program. You can provide your recommender with this information sheet ([PDF](#)) about the letter of recommendation.

Letters of recommendation should arrive before or shortly after submitting this registration.

Your recommender will send their letter independently of this form, so please let us know who your recommender is.

Recommender Name *

Role/Relationship to You *

Recommender Email *

Recommender Phone Number *

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Questions for Applicants (500 words max)

You may compose your answers in a separate electronic document and then cut-and-paste them into these boxes.

1) Tell us a little about yourself. How do you spend your time?

What are your interests? *

Must be between **1** and **500** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

2) What do you hope to gain from the Meaning Makers program?

What is one concern you have about the program? *

Must be between **1** and **500** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

Areas of Focus

This year Meaning Makers will center on "Living UU" and we are going to run small groups based on particular focus areas. These are "Living UU: spiritual practice and our sacred sources," "Living UU: navigating the need for spiritual community" and "Living UU: our values at every level."

To read more about each focus area visit uua.org/meaningmakers

Please rank each focus area based on how much you would like to be in a small group on that topic. We will do our best to get folks into groups they are actively excited about. *

| | Love this! | Sounds good | Would be ok | No thanks |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| spiritual practice and our sacred sources | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| navigating need for spiritual community | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| our values at every level | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Payment Information

The registration fee (subsidized by the generosity of the UUA Annual Program Fund) for the first Meaning Makers retreat is \$200.

We are dedicated to ensuring that access to our program is as equitable as possible. The unsubsidized cost per participant of Meaning Makers is over \$300.

This fee of \$200 covers only the room and board for the August 15-20, 2019 retreat. Because we have a commitment to keeping our programs as affordable as possible our fees do not provide a profit, fund other programs, or pay in-house staff. All participants are encouraged to apply for matching [UUA Young Adult Leadership Grants](#) and seek sponsorship by their congregations or other UU communities.

Through the generosity of our donors, need-based financial assistance is available for the retreat fee and travel.

Would you like to apply for a reduced fee? *

- No, I will pay \$200
- Yes, I need a reduced fee

Would you like to apply for a travel subsidy? *

- No, I will cover my own travel to the first retreat at UBarU Camp & Retreat Center in [Mountain Home, TX](#)
- Yes, I need a travel subsidy

Note that if you are applying for a travel subsidy you will need to fill out the information that displays below.

Estimated travel expenses:

Amount of travel subsidy requested:

Financial Aid Application

We understand that emerging adults are in a wide variety of financial situations. If someone else (such as a family member) pays for things like your rent, tuition, or other major expenses, please use their financial information below. If you pay for your own rent, tuition, etc. please use your own personal financial information. If you have any questions about this process, please call or email Sara Green at 617-948-4356 or sgreen@uua.org.

Annual Household Income ***Current Value of Cash, Savings and Checking Accounts *****Do you/they own a home? *** No Yes**Is there any other information relevant to your financial situation which you would like to share? (Debt, recent changes in situation, etc.)**