

# **New Seneca Village FAQ**

**Purpose:** To center BIPOC women social justice leaders in an environment of Being, instead of Doing. To care for those whose work has always shifted our society toward its aspirational values by providing them with space and time to focus on their own restorative practices.

**Commitments:** New Seneca Village is committed to centering Black, Indigenous, trans, elders and low income leaders. Check out our Founding Commitments.

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# Leader / Villager FAQ's

# Q: What is the New Seneca Village Residency?

A: New Seneca Village is offering two to three residencies in our pilot year, bringing together BIPOC women leaders and healers for residencies centered on restoration, connection and visioning.

BIPOC women leaders are invited to attend one complimentary Residency with New Seneca Village. Residencies will be hosted at nature-centered venues allowing leaders to truly rest, restore, and connect to the land while also connecting to one another and restorative practices.

# Q: Who is the New Seneca Village Residency for?

A: New Seneca Village leaders are cis, trans and non-binary Black, Indigenous and women of color social justice leaders working to advance justice in the world. Leaders can be front-line organizers advancing movements in the world, and leaders can be internal organizers advancing movement within organizations and structures.

Priority is given to those working in the nonprofit sector and on the front lines, as well as to those who hold the following identities: Black, Indigenous, Trans, Elders and Low-Income. See our <u>Founding Commitments</u> for more information.

### Q: What is the cost of the New Seneca Village Residency?

A: The New Seneca Village Residency provides complimentary accommodations, food, and 'final mile' transportation for Villagers from the nearest international airport.



# Q: What financial support does New Seneca Village provide?

A: New Seneca Village provides stipends for transportation - villagers are able to access funds to support their transportation costs to the nearest international airport (or venue if they so choose.) NSV will not purchase nor coordinate this transportation.

New Seneca Village provides stipends for Back Home grants - to support leaders to maintain their responsibilities at home while they are away. Potential uses are elder care, childcare, lost wages, pet care, rent, etc. The goal is to allow Villagers to feel present to the Residency offerings while they are away.

In the spirit of a thriving community, leaders who do not need these grants are invited to pass on accepting them, so that those who need are able to receive.

# Q: What are the expectations for leaders?

A: Leaders are expected to center themselves, their purpose and their visions within a container of land, healing and community at New Seneca Village Residency experiences.

To support this,, wewe ask Villagers to commit to a Cohort Circle for 3 months in advance of their Residency. This Circle is designed to connect leaders and support them to create conditions in their work and life that allow them to show up fully present to the Residency experience.

#### Q: How are leaders chosen?

A: During our pilot year we are hosting a networked process where invited leaders receive their own invitations,, and two invitations to share.

Our <u>Big Vision</u> goal will allow us to host open access invitations where leaders can self-nominate or be nominated by their communities.

If you are interested in being a New Seneca Villager, please reach out <u>here</u>.



#### **Healers**

# Q: What is the New Seneca Village offering/ask for Healers?

A: Healers are invited to join New Seneca Village to provide healing offerings - individual and group sessions and experiences - for Villagers attending the Residency.

We ask that Healers provide 2-3 hours over a 6-8 month period for feedback, via surveys and potentially one interview. Your participation in this feedback during our pilot year will enable opt-in feedback in future. Healers are also invited to join optional pre-residency Cohort Circles, alongside leaders, to build community before arriving at the venue.

# Q: How does New Seneca Village define Healers?

A: The New Seneca Village definition of Healers is broad. We are looking for healers across a wide range of modalities: energy, movement, somatic, therapeutic, ancestral, expressive arts, tantra, and breathwork.

# Q: What can Healers expect?

A: Healers will receive complimentary accommodation and food while on retreat. They may also access a travel stipend of up to \$1,000.

Payment for Residencies is \$1,000 - \$1,500 (depending on the length of residency).

Three to five Healers will be a part of each Residency, and offerings will be spaced so that Healers can have their own restorative space and time. Healers will generally be asked to provide offerings on 4-5 days for 6-7 night Residencies.

# Q: Who should apply to be a New Seneca Village Healer?

A: We are looking for cis, trans, and non-binary BIPOC women healers who:

- have experience in holding space for social justice leaders,
- have established practices that can be adapted for both individual and group offerings,
- are looking for the opportunity to build restoration into their own practices, and
- are able and willing to hold a container with the NSV team of restoration, connection and visioning for all Residency guests.

If you are interested in being a New Seneca Village healer, please reach out here.

What are you still curious about? Send your questions to team@newsenecavillage.org.