



Mentor Volunteer Description

Purpose: To serve as a mentor/coach to Leadership U (LU) students helping them develop their leadership skills as they collaborate to design and implement community service projects.

Qualities/Qualifications of an LU Mentor

- Enthusiasm for working with teenagers (high school aged).
- Knowledge of project management, group dynamics and goal setting.
- Commitment and presence during the group’s activity.
- All mentors undergo a criminal history background check and are fingerprinted.
- **Location:** FYI Fingerprint | 3696 Park Ave., Unit 103, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Role of the Mentor

- Serve as a mentor/coach during team meetings to help students develop skills for success.
- Encourage and guide students as they become self-directed in their collaboration with peers.
- Facilitate the team’s project research, design and implementation process including assisting students in brainstorming ideas, establishing milestones, and following timelines.
- Facilitate connections to the Howard County community.
- Coach students in development of final presentation for graduation.
- Ensure all students stay involved with the service project.
- Coordinate with program director to conduct a parent information session.
- Collaborate with program director/program assistant to follow up with parents as needed.
- Help program director/program assistant with group/team management.
- Provide ongoing feedback to mentor lead, co-chairs, and program director.

Time Commitment & Key Dates

- Mentors’ Orientation/Meeting – June 12, 2024 (Leadership Howard County)
- Summer Week Team Kickoff Meeting – Friday, July 19 (Meeting House)
- Sunday Sessions – July – December – 2:00 - 4:00 pm (Miller Branch and Elkridge Libraries)

7/28	8/11	8/25	9/8	9/22	10/6	10/13	11/10	11/17	12/8
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- Meet the Mentor Parent Meeting – Oct 6
- October 27 – LU Large Group Hike @ Patapsco State Park
- Graduation Rehearsal - Sunday, Dec 8th | 2:00 – 5:00 pm (Meeting House)
- Graduation Dinner/Presentations - Wednesday, Dec 11th | 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Next Steps:

1. Submit resume and reference.
2. Participate in an interview with the Leadership Howard County Program Director and Steering Committee Chairperson.
3. Fulfill background check requirements.

For more information, please contact Emily McCoy Bish at emccoybish@leadershiphc.org.