



Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund MENTORING PROGRAM 2008-2009

APPLICATION FOR NEW MENTORS

Applications Due: September 12

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Organization/Employer: _____

Job Title/Position: _____ Gender: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Do you prefer to receive mail at your **HOME** or **WORK** address? (Circle one)

Home Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Fax: _____

Primary Email: _____

Alternate Email: _____

SSN: _____

D.O.B. ____/____/____

SSN, DOB AND HOME ADDRESS IS NECESSARY FOR A BACKGROUND CHECK THAT IS REQUIRED BY HOOP DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR ALL MENTORS

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

Undergraduate College(s)/University(s) Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Graduate College(s)/University(s) Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Major(s): _____

Please direct all inquiries and applications to:

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OFFICE USE ONLY
HDSF STAFF INITIALS: _____
BACKGROUND CHECK PASSED: _____
ETAP: _____

Name : _____

QUESTIONS: (Feel free to use an additional sheet if needed)

- (1) How did you hear about the Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund Mentoring Program?
 HDSF Website Recruitment Session _____
Date
 Media: _____ Past Volunteer or Friend: _____
Please be Specific Name
 HDSF Tournament
 Other: _____
- (2) Please list specific strengths and skills you bring to helping a student prepare for college and life after high school.
- (3) Do you have 15 hours a month to devote to a mentee? Yes No
- (4) Do you have past mentoring experience? Yes No
If yes, please briefly describe.
- (5) Please detail your experience working with inner-city youth.
- (6) **Hoop Dreams requires all potential mentors undergo a background check.** Is there anything you feel is important for us to know prior to initiating your background check?

PLEASE NOTE: *If mentors plan on driving their mentees, they must provide copies of their driver's license and insurance. You will not be able to transport a student if you do not provide this information. Please attach copies of this information to your application.*

BACKGROUND CHECK:

BY SIGNING BELOW YOU AGREE TO ALLOW HDSF TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND CHECK AND THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PHOTO RELEASE:

I HEREBY GRANT HDSF CONSENT TO THE USE OF MY NAME, LIKENESS, AND SPEECH IN ANY AUDIOTAPE, VIDEOTAPE, FILM, PHOTOGRAPH, OR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OR DISPLAY DURING THE COURSE OF THE HDSF PROGRAM FOR ANY BUSINESS PURPOSE.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

This confidential questionnaire is designed to help us to match HDSF mentors with HDSF mentees. Due to our initial limited interaction with both mentees and mentors, we will do our best to match the interests, personalities, etc. of both. Our goal is to connect mentees and mentors who will develop a mutually enriching positive and meaningful relationship and will expand the horizons and perspectives of both individuals.

1. **Are you an Extravert or an Introvert? Examine your day, your past week, your life.**

EXTRAVERT: You feel more like "you" when you are interacting, communicating, and experiencing.

INTROVERT: You are you more of yourself when alone thinking, reflecting, doing a hobby, etc.

Do you prefer your mentee to possess the same trait? Yes No No Preference

2. **Are you a Sensor or an Intuitive?**

SENSOR: Your day is mostly spent attending to reality, and understanding the facts.

INTUITIVE: You usually dream, theorize, compose, see symbolism, and walk the inner mind landscape.

You prefer your mentee to possess the same trait. You prefer your mentee **not** to possess the same trait.

3. **Are you a Thinker or a Feeler?**

THINKER: You are objective, impersonal, interested in goals and ideas.

FEELER: You are friendly, personal, interested in others, and are comfortable with deep emotions.

Do you prefer your mentee to possess the same trait? Yes No No Preference

4. **Are you a Judger or a Perceiver? PLEASE NOTE JUDGER DOES NOT MEAN "JUDGMENTAL"**

JUDGER: You are an organized, work-comes-first, decisive person.

PERCEIVER: You are an adaptable, spontaneous person who prefers to explore the possibilities.

Do you prefer your mentee to possess the same trait? Yes No No Preference

5. **Would you prefer meetings with your mentee on the weekday or weekend?**

How comfortable are you with a student who has... (Please circle the appropriate response.)

a. **A learning disability**

very comfortable comfortable not as comfortable would prefer not to

b. **A very challenging home life**

very comfortable comfortable not as comfortable would prefer not to

c. **Emotional/behavioral issues**

very comfortable comfortable not as comfortable would prefer not to

d. **Nontraditional sexual orientation/gender identity**

very comfortable comfortable not as comfortable would prefer not to

e. **Student with low GPA (under 2.5) who may have limited college choices**

very comfortable comfortable not as comfortable would prefer not to

f. **Student who needs a lot of life guidance**

very comfortable comfortable not as comfortable would prefer not to

Hobbies, favorite recreational activities: Please check all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Video Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Plays | <input type="checkbox"/> Watching Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Eating Out | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Football |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Out | <input type="checkbox"/> Listening to Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playing Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | | |



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FULL-TIME MENTOR EXPERIENCE & EXPECTATIONS

The primary qualities required of a Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund (HDSF) mentor are a caring heart and a willingness to connect with a student facing one of the most challenging and exhilarating years of their life.

Experience:

Mentors should be dedicated professional adults in the Washington, DC regional area (DC, VA, & MD). Mentors must be college graduates.

Expectations:

(A) Monthly workshop attendance

- Mentors must attend Saturday workshops once a month as well as two orientation workshops in October.

Note: We require that our mentees attend each of these Saturday workshops and take great strides to guarantee this attendance. We ask that mentors make the same commitment.

(B) A critical component of a successful mentoring relationship is **constant communication** between the mentor and mentee as well as with the HDSF staff.

- We require that a mentor and mentee speak or meet in a public setting at least **twice** between each month's workshop.
- We require mentors to devote at least a 15 hour commitment per month to the mentee.
- In addition to in-person meetings, communicate by phone or email at least **twice** per week.
- Remain in **constant communication** with HDSF staff to keep them aware of the progress of the relationship. An HDSF staff member will also contact the mentor between each session to gauge the strength of the relationship, answer questions and offer direction if needed.

(C) The commitment to the program and to the mentor/mentee relationship is for no less than one year. HDSF encourages mentors and mentees to stay connected throughout the mentee's college career.

(D) Mentors must work collaboratively with the mentee's established support system such as family members, school staff and community members. The level of pre-existing support ranges greatly from mentee to mentee. As a member of this team, mentors should offer constant support so that the mentee:

- Selects an appropriate array of colleges, fully completes institutions' applications and ensures the institution's receipt of each.
- Files all necessary paperwork for Federal, District and Institutional grant aid and applies for the HDSF and other scholarships.
- If selected, maintains strong participation in The Princeton Review SAT Prep and HDSF Career Prep Program. (not every mentee participates in these programs.)

It is our goal to select mentors that will be the best fit for the mentees in our program. To allow HDSF to meet this goal please be patient with the time our selection process may require.

We understand the time constraints of our mentors. In order to have a beneficial experience, it is important that the mentor is passionate about the success of the mentee. Please be honest about the amount of time and effort you can offer the mentee.

I have read and agree to expectations listed above:

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!

Please submit one (1) reference from an employer or colleague using the attached form. The reference form should be submitted by the application deadline.



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REFERENCE FORM – DUE SEPTEMBER 12

NAME OF HDSF APPLICANT: _____

REFERENCE NAME: _____ COMPANY: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant?
 Less than a year 1-2 years

3 years or more

2. How do you know the applicant?

3. What do you consider to be the applicant's most outstanding talents and characteristics?

4. Have you observed the applicant interact with youth? Yes No
If yes, in what context and what was your observation?

5. Please check one of the following options.

- I highly recommend
- I recommend
- I recommend with reservation
- I do not recommend

6. Please list any additional information or comments

7. May we contact you concerning this reference? Yes No

8. Are you interested in learning more about HDSF? Yes No

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