



Engage with Students

College & Career Preparation Coach (during sessions or workshops)

Fast Facts:

- Occurs during the week, year-round
- Afternoons and evenings
- Single-day opportunities depending on the topic
- Staff support and training/orientation provided
- Utilize your professional background and/or skillset

About the Opportunity: Help high school students build personal and professional skills through a session in our virtual lab or workshops. Champions For Learning has developed a curriculum for high school students to better prepare our students for post-high success. Typically held in smaller group settings, you will work with our staff to educate and engage students in the session topic.

Lab or workshop timing depends on the topic and occurs at various times during the year based on the curriculum. Topics can include college applications, scholarship essays, test prep, etiquette, career exploration, interview skills, resume building, public speaking, networking, goal setting, personal statements, and more.

The Volunteer Role: A College & Career Preparation Coach prepares the agenda, materials, and other items needed for the session, with Champions staff supporting the volunteer as needed. Our staff will work closely with you to ensure you feel adequately prepared. Have a creative idea for a topic? We'd love to hear it!

College & Career Preparation Coach (remote support)

Fast Facts:

- Occurs at various times during the year
- Staff support and training/orientation provided
- Work at your own pace
- Provide feedback to student work
- Utilize your professional background and/or skillset

About the Opportunity: Help high school students prepare for success through providing feedback to draft versions of their resumes and/or essays and personal statements. Students attend a workshop to learn how to build their resume and write their personal statements that they will later use to apply for internships, employment opportunities, scholarships, and college applications.

These opportunities occur at various times during the year based on the curriculum and appropriate timing by grade level.

The Volunteer Role: A College & Career Preparation Coach is essential to provide helpful feedback to student drafts. Our staff will work closely with you to ensure you feel adequately prepared.

Student Selection Committees

Fast Facts:

- Help score student applications
- Work in teams – meet new people!
- Meetings vary by committee
- Remote opportunity
- Occurs Sept-April
- 10-15 hour commitment
- Involves confidential matters

About the Opportunity: The Selection Committee is a selected group of individuals who read, review, and score the submitted student essays for scholarships and/or acceptance into one of our programs. Scholarship values vary and are open to students across Collier County from public and charter schools.

The Volunteer Role: The committee gathers for a kick-off meeting where you'll receive the application packets, as well as the rubric and guidelines for scoring. This opportunity is for experienced volunteers, as committee members are accepted based on experience and knowledge. You will submit scores and help make final student selections and/or complete student interviews depending on the specific selection committee requirements.

Mentors

Fast Facts:

- No expertise necessary
- Minimum 15 sessions per academic year
- ~20-minute sessions
- Fingerprinting required
- Year-round opportunity
- 2+ year Lee/Collier resident
- Students entering 9th grade

About the Opportunity: Change the life of a young person by becoming a mentor in Champions For Learning's Take Stock in Children program. Mentors are often the first non-authority, adult relationship a student has. Not only is this a crucial life skill, but a mentor may become a special advocate role that a parent, teacher, or peer cannot fill.

We carefully match mentors with a high school student of the same gender. Meetings occur on school grounds, over lunch or virtually through a supervised video session. The program requires 15 mentor/mentee sessions per academic year, but you may meet more often if you so choose. You may request a specific school but please keep in mind this may delay your match until a student that meets your requests is accepted into the program.

The Volunteer Role: Mentors are a trusted advocate and an excellent listener, helping the student reach their goals and develop life skills. We will provide you with guidelines and benchmarks to help inform the focus of your meetings. Overall, your role is to support your mentee and ensure they take advantage of the resources and

opportunities available. If at any point you have concerns about your mentee, please contact our staff and we'll help resolve the issue.

Requirements: There are no skill or experience requirements to become a mentor. Mentors continue to mentor the same student through his/her high school graduation to continue building a relationship with the same student and family. To ensure the safety of our students, mentor candidates should be residents of Lee or Collier County for at least 2 years (whether year-round or seasonal residency). Background checks and fingerprinting will also be conducted. Depending on the time of year, you may wait several months before being matched. An All About Mentoring session is offered for individuals seeking to learn more about this opportunity.