

MENTOR DESCRIPTION

The Close Up Foundation's Model Citizen Mentoring Program (MCMP) connects small groups of high school students with positive mentors (4:1 ratio) to participate in structured activities focused on civic education and community service. Through the MCMP, students will engage in positive civic learning and service activities. Research on mentoring has found that involvement in a mentoring relationship not only improves academic performance, but can also instill confidence. These relationships will provide youth with the opportunity to engage in civic engagement, develop community service projects and improve academic performance. Students will meet with their mentor and strengthen and develop the skills and attitudes to become active citizens. By sharing just a few hours each month with our students, you are making a difference in their lives.

PURPOSE: To provide support and guidance to youth as they work within a larger group to identify ways to make change in their community.

Mentor Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide support to your assigned group (up to 4 students) either virtually (email/phone calls) or in person.
- Act as a resource and guide for mentees to improve their citizenship skills and set them up for academic success.
- Work closely with teacher coordinator through phone, email, webinars to update and share progress of assigned group.
- Serve as a role model.
- Accept and relate to youth who may not share your lifestyle and values.
- Attend mentor training kick off and at least two additional trainings throughout the program year.

Mentor Requirements/Qualifications

- Mentor must be able and willing to meet for four hours throughout the course of a month. Some meetings and/or trainings may be during regular 9-5 hours.
- Mentors must complete an application and be willing to undergo a background check in order to be placed with a group of students.
- Mentors should have the willingness and commitment to check in on and follow up with assigned group of students and work with them to see that their community action projects are carried out.
- Mentors must be at least 20 years old and have graduated from high school.
- Mentors must use the provided Close Up in Class curriculum and other resources provided by Close Up.