

Young Men Rising, Inc.

"No Young Man Left Behind"

Lunch Buddy Program

_____ Verified by ID
_____ Staff Initials _____ Date

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Print or type responses:

Full Legal Name _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

Gender: Female Male Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Mo. Day Year

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Preferred Contact Number Home Phone Cell Phone Work Phone

Phone Numbers Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Employer _____ Length of Employment _____

Job Title _____ May we contact you at work? Yes No

Education completed:

High School Other _____

2-year degree in _____ School _____

4-year degree in _____ School _____

Advanced degree(s) in _____ School _____

How was the Program brought to your attention? _____

What motivated you to want to participate in the Program? _____

Will you be able to meet with a student at least once a week during the school year? Yes No

What are your hobbies, special skills, or other interests? _____

What do you like to do in your leisure? _____

What other affiliations (e.g., service or volunteer organizations) do you have? _____

What do you hope to gain from the mentoring experience? _____

What do you hope your mentee gains from the mentoring experience? _____

Do you have prior mentor experience? Yes No If yes, please explain: (Program Name & Dates)

Are you willing to submit to a background check?

Yes No

List three people (non family members) who can serve as character references for you.

(1) Name _____ Relationship _____ For _____ years.

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

(2) Name _____ Relationship _____ For _____ years.

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

(3) Name _____ Relationship _____ For _____ years.

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

I certify that the information I have supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission for you to contact the references provided. I also understand and agree to the duties and requirements described in the Volunteer Duties and Requirements.

Signature _____ Date _____



Young Men Rising

Where Young Men Aspire to Achieve Greatness

YOUNG MEN RISING, INC.
MENTOR TRAINING INFORMATION

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WHAT IS A MENTOR?

A mentor is an older, more experienced individual who seeks to further the development of character and competence in a young person. He or she is committed to expending the time and energy necessary to help the student succeed in school. The role of the volunteer is to be a big brother/big sister, role model, and a friend to the student.

No Young Man Left Behind – Lunch Buddy Program Program Guidelines

General Guidelines:

- Mentors will be matched with a male student and meet with that student at his assigned school during the school day for approximately one hour per week.
- Volunteers are assigned as mentors to individual students, serving as positive role models by demonstrating values of punctuality, dependability, and reliability. The mentor can help the student appreciate the importance of education.
- School personnel will identify each male student who could benefit from a mentoring relationship.
- All mentoring sessions are to be held on school grounds during school lunch hours.
- Each week, sign in and out of the school office and wear a volunteer name badge.
- Dress appropriately. You are serving as a role model. Business Casual is always a nice look!
- Gifts to mentored students may result in jealousy on the part of other students. It also sets a standard with which other mentors are uncomfortable. Please LIMIT gift giving to very special occasions or as small rewards for a job well done.
- Contact the school-level counselors with any questions or concerns regarding an individual student.

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Mentoring Guidelines:

- If you will be missing a mentoring session, please contact Young Men Rising, Inc. promptly by telephone and leave a message. We will contact your student and let them know that let your student you did not forget about him.
- Help the student develop a positive self-concept by providing him with positive comments.
- School personnel will identify each male student who could benefit from a mentoring relationship.
- Give your student an opportunity to share information about things that have experienced during the previous week, i.e. family events, accomplishments, concerns, etc.
- You can help the student improve his attitude toward education and develop an enthusiasm for learning. As you mentor, you should emphasize that the student works and learns for himself and his own self-improvement.
- Make sure to take action to contact the teacher(s) and counselor(s) of your student. Share your interest and concern for the student and determine how you can provide help and support through the teacher's and/or counselor's guidance. Contact the school-level counselors with any questions or concerns regarding an individual student.

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Mentoring Guidelines (continued):

- You may learn a lot about a different culture, or lifestyle, or age group. Try not to over identify with your student. They realize that you will probably never know exactly what he is feeling or experiencing.
- If your student reaches out to you with a problem which is serious enough to cause concern or if the student should possibly want cause harm to himself or others, please contact the school counselor as soon as possible. You are not expected to solve serious problems or to be a therapist.
- Do not expect immediate visible results from your student. It takes time to establish rapport and see improvement.
- First and foremost, BE YOURSELF!

Application Process Getting Started

You will be required to complete a survey indicating which school, day and time works best for you. You will be contacted by Young Men Rising, Inc. to verify your interest in the program. You will attend an orientation session or be emailed mentor orientation materials to read at which time you will be required to complete an application.



*Please note that the application process will require a complete background check.

Young Men Rising, Incorporated Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement

- To ensure that our vetting process for mentors reflects the diversity of our mentees
- To be open, honest and transparent in conversations on the issues of equity, diversity and inclusion
- To develop a policy within our non-profit that advances equity, diversity and inclusion for mentors and mentees
- To use our resources towards the goal of helping all our mentees in being able to fulfill their dreams and aspirations

