

HIGH SCHOOL MENTORSHIP

2020-2021 PROGRAM INFORMATION



SUMMARY

We match young women, Two-Spirit, trans and non-binary youth (mentees) in Grades 11 and 12 across Metro Vancouver with a mentor to better prepare for their futures. Mentor-mentee matches are based on career and education goals, hobbies, and the level of support required. A mentor can help you explore your academic and professional interests, support you in your transition to university and help nurture your leadership ability!

***Please Note: To keep mentees and mentors safe during COVID-19, regular in-person programming will be moved onto an online platform for the time being.**

MENTEES WHO WILL BENEFIT MOST

- Know what they want out of the relationship and are able to express their needs to their mentor
- Take initiative and are not afraid to ask questions, make suggestions and express their opinions
- Are committed, motivated, flexible and open!

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain regular and frequent contact with your mentor, schedule monthly online or phone meetings from November to June
- Maintain contact with the YWCA Program Coordinator via email, send in monthly journals and attend YWCA events/workshops

OUR MENTORS

- Are empathetic graduate students or professional women, Two-Spirit, trans and non-binary individuals
- Are positive role models that are easy to talk to who will share their knowledge and encourage you to explore your career and education interests
- Will connect you with others in the community to grow your network

WHAT DO MATCHES DO TOGETHER?

Some examples are:

- Chat about career/education interests and goals over the phone or online
- Virtually explore a university campus, office tour or job shadow, attend a virtual art class or work out session!
- Attend free monthly online YWCA Workshops on topics related to career exploration, stress reduction, university prep, leadership and more!

APPLICATION & PROGRAM TIMELINE

- Complete - the online application (link below, by October 6th 5pm PST) and a 15-minute Zoom Interview
- Attend - online Orientation & Training Session and a Meet & Greet event with your mentor in November/December
- Meet-up with your mentor 1 to 2 times a month from December to June

Apply here: <https://bit.ly/3betynH>

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

JOIN AN INFORMATION SESSION!

Drop-in Info Sessions Dates:

September 23rd & October 1st 5:00pm-6:30pm PST

Join with Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82205083044>

ACCESSIBILITY & SUPPORT

Please email mentorship@ywcavan.org if you have no/limited access to a computer, laptop or mobile device and internet connection. The YWCA program staff will do our best to support you.

To learn more about the program, visit our website: <https://ywcavan.org/programs/mentorship/high-school-mentorship>