One of the greatest tools for changing the quality of a person’s life is education. The NELA® Centers for Student Success℠ are looking for enthusiastic individuals with a desire to volunteer as a mentor to have a positive influence on the lives of students as they prepare for college.
Mentor a Student to College

Mentor 2 College® is a free program designed to equip low-income, first generation and of-color high school seniors with the necessary tools to become successful college applicants. As part of the program, Center staff conduct informational meetings, focused college preparation workshops and Mentor 2 College community activities. Students meet regularly with a mentor, who provides coaching and support to help the students reach their college goals. Together, these components strengthen our participants’ knowledge, skills and commitment to the mission of achieving higher education.

Mentor 2 College has helped more than 300 high school seniors to navigate the college application process and pursue a higher education.

Why Mentor a Student?

To be a mentor, you don’t need any special skills, just an ability to listen and offer support, guidance and encouragement to young people as they plan for their postsecondary education.

There are many satisfying reasons to become a mentor, including the following:

- Develop new tutoring, educational, and intercultural skills.
- Build relationships with and empower underserved youth.
- Fulfill community service or service learning hours.
- Reference or letter of recommendation provided for responsible mentors.

You will be amazed by how much you’ll get out of the experience!

What It Means to Be a Mentor

All mentors in the Mentor 2 College program attend training so they are prepared for questions they may receive. Additionally, our Centers staff is on hand to answer any specific questions our mentors may have.

As a mentor, you will be assisting students with college and scholarship applications and essays at the Centers.

All mentors must complete an application, background check and short interview. Mentor/student meetings begin in the fall and finish at the end of the academic year. The commitment is for the 2012-2013 school year.

Responsibilities

- Meet on a weekly basis at the Center with one to five high school seniors.
- Assist students with defining their college goals, meeting application deadlines, assisting with financial aid applications and admission and scholarship essay writing.
- Report student progress or concerns to Mentor 2 College program staff.
- Follow Center guidelines and regulations regarding confidentiality, personally identifiable information, meeting times and safety.

Qualifications

- Sensitivity to challenges faced by teenage students.
- Ability to maintain patient, non-judgmental attitude.
- Reliability, responsibility and punctuality.
- College degree or experience.
- Desire to work with underrepresented students.

As you review our application materials, carefully consider this opportunity to help develop our next generation of leaders and achievers.

Visit www.centersforstudentsuccess.org to download an application today!