

## **Youth Mentor Volunteer Position Description**

### **Overview**

Community Lodgings is an Alexandria, VA-based nonprofit organization with a mission to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency. Our Boys' and Girls' Mentoring Programs currently enrich the lives of over 20 homeless and low-income students on a weekly basis. To promote positive youth development, we work with children in grades 6-12 to help them meet program goals.

### **Purpose**

Our mission is to provide a long-term, structured relationship to increase the program participants' self-esteem and ability to trust others. Both the girls' and boys' programs focus on building relationships, all while in a group setting.

### **Time Commitment**

We ask that mentors make a commitment to serve at least one year

### **Program Hours**

Girls' Mentoring: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. every Monday

Boys' Mentoring: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. every Monday

### **Dress Code**

Casual but professional

### **Locations**

Boys' Mentoring: Fifer Learning Center, 607 Notabene Drive, Alexandria, VA 22305

Girls' Mentoring: Brookside Apartments, 601 Four Mile Run Road, Alexandria, VA 22305

### **Key Responsibilities**

The ideal candidate will:

- Assist and collaborate with existing mentors to work directly with students, ages 11-18.
- Be available for occasional field trips scheduled in addition to regular program hours.

### **Program Goals**

- Develop mentees' ability to analyze circumstances and make choices that will help them reach their personal goals.
- Expose the mentees to different experiences and people to increase awareness of choices available.
- Build self-esteem to promote confidence in the mentees' abilities to make responsible choices.
- Build trusting relationships.
- Help mentees become engaged and responsible citizens through participating in community service work.

### **Qualifications**

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Candidates must complete or have a current clear background check through Alexandria City public Schools. Preferred candidates have a bachelor's degree; however, all are welcome to apply. Candidates should be at least 21 years old. Candidates should be mature, motivated, patient, and demonstrate a positive demeanor at all times