

Horizons Volunteer Mentor Role Description | 2019-2020



Horizons at New Canaan Country School is recruiting volunteer mentors for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. Questions? Email Lavone Roberson at LRoberson@horizonskids.org.

The Horizons Mission: Transforming the lives of underserved children and youth through year-round academic and enrichment programs to inspire learning, encourage success, and close the opportunity gap.

Mentor Role Description

Overview: Mentors play a crucial role in the Horizons program. Mentors are caring, responsible, adult volunteers who serve as a trusted role model for the student by modeling desirable behaviors and boundaries. Mentors will ensure that the student is developing important academic and life skills, is exposed to new opportunities and a wide array of resources, makes positive life choices, stays in school, and graduates with a plan for pursuing post-secondary education. A Horizons mentor will uphold and implement the vision and mission of the program.

Structure/Commitment: Mentors and students meet after school or on the weekends in a public location that is mutually agreed upon by the family and mentor. Mentors are asked to meet with the family to create a transparent relationship. Mentors are asked to create a realistic schedule and set attainable goals with the family and student.

Mentors are asked to check with the Academic Director at least once a month with updates, attend on-going trainings when needed or requested, complete evaluation surveys as requested, and recognize your role as a mandated reporter and report any problematic issues.

Qualifications: Mentors must first have a passion for the mission and values of Horizons. Additionally, must be able to build strong relationships with adolescents. Prior experience having been a mentor, resident assistant, coach, teacher, or counselor is helpful in this role. Must have earned a high school diploma. Additionally, all mentors must complete a comprehensive background check before beginning work with their mentee.

To apply: To apply please complete this online application [Volunteer Mentor Application](#) which includes submitting an up to date resume. For questions, please reach out to Lavone Roberson at LRoberson@horizonskids.org. We will be in contact regarding an interview and background check.