



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## Reach & Rise® Mentor Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a mentor with the Reach & Rise mentoring program. It is a great way to make a difference in a young person's life. This application is designed to provide information to help us match you with the most appropriate child and your answers will be kept confidential. **For security & safety purposes, all mentor applicants will need to have fingerprints or background checks completed and cleared before being matched with a group.** If you have any questions, please contact the Program Director.

**Please mail, fax, or email your completed application to:**

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**Mentor Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  M  F Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Way to be Contacted:  Home #  Cell #  Work #  Text  Email

Best Times to be Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ How Did You Hear About Us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Answer the Following Questions:**

Do you have any felony convictions?  YES  NO

Have you ever abused or molested a child?  YES  NO

**Please check the groups you are available and/or interested in volunteering for:**

16 Week Fall Group  16 Week Spring Group  8 Week Summer Group

Do you have any transportation or geographic/location restraints? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to become Group Mentor? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any experience working with, volunteering, or spending time with youth? If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe any **other** volunteer experiences you have: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think youth are referred to mentoring programs? How do you think they would benefit from being in a mentoring group? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any academic pursuits/experience that is related to working with youth? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any experience being a part of a group or team? Give example: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any experience running or facilitating a group/team? \_\_\_\_\_

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What's your comfort level with leading a group of youth? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who was a mentor for you as a child? What qualities did they have that helped you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your relationships with your family (e.g. parent(s)/guardian(s), siblings, etc.) both **past & present**. Include how you were disciplined as a youth and by whom. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe past and current patterns of drug and alcohol use: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some of your interests & hobbies? Anything you'd like to share with mentees? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a preference as to the age, gender or ethnicity of the youth you'd work with?

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**References:**

The YMCA checks references for all volunteers and the **Reach & Rise®** Mentoring Program requires 2 Personal References & 2 Professional References. The following information is required of all applicants.

**PERSONAL REFERENCES**

NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU?	HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON?

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU?	HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON?

**You just finished the first step toward applying to be a mentor & we look forward to getting to know you! Your application will be reviewed by the Program Director and you will be contacted regarding an interview, training group dates, & additional steps needed to complete the application process. YMCA reserves the right to terminate a volunteer applicant or volunteer at any time if needed.**

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**Mentor Applicant Signature**

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**Date**

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