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mentors

**you remember** how hard it was to navigate life in middle school and high school. Cliques, dating, unbelievable pressure to fit in, and the sometimes overwhelming feeling that you're going through it all alone.

We don't think teenagers should ever feel alone.

By entering into a mentoring relationship, you have an opportunity to walk beside a student. To talk and listen. To engage in opportunities to learn and grow.

We're committed to creating environments where teenagers can connect, serve, and learn. As a mentor, you'd be right there beside them. Engaging in the middle of the development process of a teenager. Helping them to learn more about themselves, God and others.

Be a mentor. Your story is unique, and you have experiences to share. Share them. Add to them. Learn. Grow. Stretch.

Be a mentor.



## next generation

The Next Generation mentoring program is a ministry model that aims to holistically serve students by focusing on their social and spiritual development. The program consists of a mentoring relationship for each student and scheduled weekly experiences that will consist of either learning environments at Open Door or opportunities to serve in the community.

## your role

The role of a mentor is to build an intentional relationship with a middle school or high school student through shared experiences and reflective conversations. During the weekly experiences, a mentor's role is to actively listen to the student and help them process and reflect on the experience and how it potentially impacts their life. Mentors are not expected to play the role of a teacher or have all of the answers to student questions and issues. Instead the goal is to be a consistent, loving presence in the student's life.

Each mentor will also be paired with a mentor coordinator, who will act as a mentor, coach and resource throughout the mentor/student relationship.

## apply today

- + Complete online *Mentor Application*:  
<http://www.nextgeninfo.thedoor.org/mentorapp>
- + Participate in screening interview.
- + Selections will be made within four weeks of your interview.
- + If selected, submit online background check.

### criteria

- Commit to at least one complete school year (fall–spring)
- Between the ages of 19-30
- Access to transportation to and from Open Door (carpools are available)
- Attend 6-8 total hours of training within the first few months of the mentoring program
- Available from 6:15-8:30pm on Wednesday nights for the purpose of shared experiences and conversations with student
- Commit to a one-hour, one-on-one meeting with mentor coordinator once a month outside of weekly programming
- Provide weekly online updates to the mentor coordinator about experiences with student
- Able to connect with student outside of weekly experiences through email, texting, phone calls, Facebook, etc.

### essential qualities

- Active follower of Jesus
- Maintains program integrity
  - + Fulfills responsibilities listed in criteria
  - + Takes initiative and follows through in relationships with student and mentor coordinator
  - + Timeliness
  - + Willingness to take direction
  - + Practices appropriate confidentiality
- Ability to communicate clearly
  - + Sets reasonable boundaries with student
- Exhibits an acceptable level of social and emotional maturity
  - + Attitude of openness
  - + Demonstrates active listening skills
  - + Proactive in problem-solving

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