



**Future Inspired Native American Leaders
College & Career Readiness
Youth Mentorship Program**

Frequently Asked Questions

Invite a Mentor to be a part of your journey



Q: Why should I have a Mentor?

A: Mentors are an excellent resource, in addition to your family, to help empower you to make good decisions in your academic, personal and future career. You and your Mentor will be able to share and enjoy common interests and hobbies during your time together. They will share their own life experiences with you to help you make positive life decisions and provide you with a clear vision of what your future could look like. Research has shown that mentors improve a youths' behavioral, social, emotional and academic outcomes.

Q: How will my Mentor be selected?

A: During the matching process you and your parents will be interviewed and asked about your interests and other questions to help ensure we match you with an appropriate Mentor. Parents are vital partners in the mentorship relationship. They will help select and approve the Mentor.

Q: What happens if I don't like my Mentor?

A: The Program Specialist will meet with you to discuss the situation, and if needed, will pair you with a different Mentor.

Q: How much time must I commit to the Mentor and the Mentorship Program?

A: To gain the most benefit from your Mentor, we suggest that you meet between 2-4 times per month and commit to at least 1 year in the program. This can be participating in our program sponsored activities or activities you and your Mentor plan on your own. We encourage that both you and your mentor discuss together your planned activities with final approval from your parents.

Q: Is there a cost to participating in the Mentorship Program?

A: We sponsor a minimum of 1 free activity each month and there are many local, free activities in which you and your Mentor can participate. Keep in mind, the time you spend with your Mentor is the most valuable part of your relationship. Parents will be aware of, and approve, all outings and activities with the Mentor.

Q: Is there anything further I need to know?

A: We have partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona, a premier, national expert in mentoring programs.

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