

MENTORING TODAY.

INVESTING IN TOMORROW.

TRANSFORMING FUTURES.

Dear Friend,

Every student deserves someone who believes in them... before they believe in themselves.

At Forward Mentoring, we walk alongside students during their most important years, providing the guidance, support, and encouragement they need to move forward with confidence.

Forward Mentoring was created to meet students at a pivotal moment in life... the transition from adolescence to adulthood. During these years, students are making decisions that will shape their future, yet many lack the guidance, support, and encouragement necessary to navigate those choices successfully.

Here's how Forward makes a lasting impact:



A trusted relationship. Through four years of intentional mentorship, students gain confidence, develop leadership skills, learn accountability, build resilience, and create a vision for their future.



A tangible investment. Each year, Forward commits **\$1,000** to every student who fully participates in the program. Upon graduation, these funds help students take their next step... whether that is college, trade school, certification programs, entrepreneurship, military service, or entering the workforce.



A future worth investing in. When you support Forward, you are not simply funding a program. You are investing in future leaders, future parents, future business owners, future teachers, future tradespeople, and future community members.

Why your support matters.

Mentoring is not a quick fix, but a deeply formed relationship over time that builds trust and insight. It takes committed mentors, caring communities, and partners like you to ensure that students have the "hand up" they need... not a handout.

Young people need proactive adults and organizations who do more than say mentoring matters. They need partners willing to provide the guidance, encouragement, and investment that give students a true hand up toward their future.

Thank you for considering an investment in Forward Mentoring.

Your partnership today creates transformation for tomorrow.

With gratitude,

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Vice President of Development

FORWARD

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FORWARD MENTORING PROGRAM

Investing in Who Students Are Becoming



AN INCENTIVIZED 4-YEAR MENTORING PROGRAM

Forward is a four-year commitment to student growth—and a financial investment in their future.

**\$1000
ANNUALLY**

Forward commits \$1,000 annually to each enrolled student who fully engages in the program.



Funds are set aside and reserved to support the future vocational endeavors of the individual.



Money is awarded upon high school graduation.



Our goal is to empower students today for a successful tomorrow.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Forward Mentoring Program is a four-year, relationship-based initiative designed to support students beginning in their freshman year of high school.

This program focuses on developing social-emotional growth, strong character, and future readiness through consistent mentorship, structured lessons, and reflective practices.

Students are intentionally selected not based on what they have already proven, but on their potential for growth, leadership, and impact.

Mentors and mentees meet twice monthly to build meaningful relationships and guide students toward becoming confident, responsible, and purpose-driven individuals.



PROGRAM GOALS

- ✓ Build self-awareness and emotional intelligence
- ✓ Develop gratitude, compassion, and empathy
- ✓ Strengthen accountability and personal responsibility
- ✓ Foster healthy relationships and communication
- ✓ Equip students with goal-setting and planning skills
- ✓ Prepare students for life beyond high school

CORE VALUES



GRATITUDE & COMPASSION

Encouraging appreciation, empathy, and kindness toward others



ACCOUNTABILITY & OWNERSHIP

Empowering students to take responsibility for their choices



GOAL SETTING & VISION

Teaching students to create and achieve meaningful goals



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Each session includes:

- 📅 **Duration:** 4 Years (Grades 9–12)
- 📅 **Meetings:** Twice per Month
- 🕒 **Session Length:** 45–60 Minutes
- ✓ Check-In & Connection
- ✓ Mini Lesson
- ✓ Guided Discussion
- ✓ Journal Reflection
- ✓ Planner Goal Setting

YEAR 1 FOUNDATION



Discover Who You Are

- Identity & self-awareness
- Strengths & weaknesses
- Gratitude practices
- Healthy friendships
- Emotional regulation
- Introduction to accountability
- Basic goal setting

YEAR 2 GROWTH



Own Your Choices

- Accountability & ownership
- Conflict resolution
- Peer pressure & boundaries
- Compassion in action
- Handling failure
- Relationship awareness

YEAR 3 LEADERSHIP



Lead Yourself First

- Leadership development
- Communication skills
- Mentorship opportunities
- Career exploration
- Advanced goal setting

YEAR 4 PURPOSE



Step Into Your Future

- Life after high school
- Financial literacy basics
- Independence & responsibility
- Purpose and legacy
- Life Plan Portfolio



STUDENT TOOLS

Mentor Journal

- Reflection prompts
- Gratitude entries
- Personal growth tracking

Planner System

- Goal tracking
- Time management
- Accountability check-ins



MENTOR ROLE

Mentors serve as:

- Trusted role models
- Support systems
- Discussion facilitators
- Encouragers of growth



STUDENT SELECTION

Students are selected based on potential, willingness to grow, and desire for mentorship.

Investment in potential over performance.



OUTCOMES

- Increased confidence
- Stronger accountability
- Improved communication
- Clearer future direction



SIGNATURE ELEMENTS

- Gratitude practice
- Accountability check-ins
- Real Talk discussions
- Strong mentor relationships



CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

Students complete a Life Plan Portfolio including:

- Mission statement
- Goals
- Reflection
- Future planning



IMPLEMENTATION NEEDS

- Dedicated meeting space
- Journals and planners
- Committed mentors
- Administrative support

CONCLUSION

The Forward Mentoring Program is more than a mentorship initiative—it is a long-term investment in student growth, character, and future success. By walking alongside students throughout high school, we help shape individuals who lead with confidence, compassion, and purpose.

“We don’t invest in students based on what they’ve proven—we invest in who they are becoming.”

FORWARD MENTORING

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Partner with us. Empower a student. Strengthen our community.



ADOPT-A-STUDENT SPONSOR

\$1,000 ANNUALLY

for 4 years

Provide one student's annual incentive investment and help support their future educational or vocational goals.

Every sponsored student represents a young person receiving mentorship, guidance, accountability, and a tangible investment in their future.



**BRONZE
SPONSOR**

FORWARD FRIEND

\$500

Benefits:

- Recognition on donor materials
- Annual thank-you letter



**SILVER
SPONSOR**

FORWARD SUPPORTER

\$1,000

Benefits:

- Social media recognition (D218, Richards HS & Forward Mentoring)
- Recognition on donor materials
- Annual impact report



**GOLD
SPONSOR**

FORWARD ADVOCATE

\$2,500

Benefits:

- Logo placement on promotional materials
- Social media recognition (D218, Richards HS & Forward Mentoring)
- Recognition at fundraising events
- Annual impact report



**PLATINUM
SPONSOR**

FORWARD PARTNER

\$5,000+

Benefits:

- Recognition as a Premier Community Partner
- Logo placement on program materials
- Social media recognition (D218, Richards HS & Forward Mentoring)
- Featured sponsor at fundraising events
- Opportunity to speak at select program events
- Annual impact report



Together, we are investing in
who students are becoming.

FORWARD MENTORING

FEED IT FORWARD

»» A MEAL TODAY. A STRONGER TOMORROW. ««

Forward Mentoring brings students together for meaningful mentoring sessions that build confidence, accountability, leadership and life skills.



YOUR MEAL. THEIR MOMENT. A BETTER FUTURE.

Providing a meal helps us create a welcoming environment where students can connect, learn and move FORWARD.

Thank you for helping us invest in the next generation!

WAYS TO DONATE



DONATE A MEAL

Provide a meal for one Forward Mentoring session or gathering.



SPONSOR A MEETING

Provide food, beverages or desserts for a mentoring session or special event.



BECOME A FOOD PARTNER

Commit to providing meals for multiple sessions throughout the school year.



GIVE YOUR WAY

Gift cards, catering credits, beverages, snacks, desserts and other food donations are also appreciated!



MAKE AN IMPACT

Every meal helps create a positive experience and allows more resources to go directly toward mentoring students.

INTERESTED IN DONATING?

We would love to hear from you!



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OUR MISSION

To empower students through mentoring relationships that inspire them to move FORWARD in life and in their future.



YES! WE WOULD LOVE TO FEED IT FORWARD!

Business / Restaurant Name _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I WOULD LIKE TO:

☐ Donate One Meal

☐ Sponsor a Meeting

☐ Become a Food Partner

☐ Donate Gift Cards / Food Credit

☐ Donate Snacks, Desserts or Beverages

☐ Other: _____

Notes / Preferences: _____

Thank you for investing in our students and our community!