



LEADING EDGE

MENTOR DIRECTORY

FAQs FOR STUDENTS



WHO ARE THE LEADING EDGE MENTORS?

Our mentors are experienced professionals who have worked for and with nonprofits and have volunteered their time to support students with an interest in the nonprofit sector. They come from various backgrounds, levels of experience, and specialties within the nonprofit industry, including (but not limited to):

Fundraising, Marketing, IT/Tech, Gov affairs, HR, Finance, Operations, Administration, and more!

HOW DO I REQUEST AND GET MATCHED WITH A MENTOR?

Simply look through our online mentor directory and fill out the form to send us a request. We will then notify the mentor and get back to you with their response and contact info if accepted. Once accepted, mentors are advised to be available for at least 3 months for mentorship based on the agreed upon terms set by you and your mentor on meeting dates, contact methods, frequency, etc. Leading EDGE will also provide guidance documents for you and your mentor to use if you choose to do so.

WHAT CAN MENTORS HELP ME WITH?

Professional mentors are like your personal guides. They help you by sharing advice about navigating the career path you're pursuing or want to pursue based on their experiences. They can keep you informed of current trends, answer questions, help you expand your network, and guide your decision-making (especially during times of transition).

CAN I HAVE MORE THAN ONE MENTOR AT A TIME?

To ensure a great experience, we are limiting matches to one mentee/mentor at a time, however; students are encouraged to make more than one request in case your first selection is unavailable at that time.



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WHAT HAPPENS IF MY MENTOR SELECTION IS UNAVAILABLE?

TNPA will then ask for your next available choice and proceed to reach out to them on your behalf.

WHERE CAN I MEET WITH MY MENTOR?

It is likely that most of your communication will occur via phone or video/zoom calls, however; it's completely up to you and your mentor to decide how, when and where you want to pursue your mentoring relationship.

WHAT IF I FIND OUT THE MENTOR ISN'T THE RIGHT MATCH FOR MY NEEDS? OR IF I NEED TO END THE MENTORSHIP EARLY?

Sometimes mentors and mentees just don't match well together, or things change along the way. If this happens after you've been matched, we suggest that you discuss your decision honestly and kindly with your mentor; thank them for their time then notify TNPA to be re-matched.

HOW LONG DOES THE MENTORING RELATIONSHIP LAST?

Once accepted, mentors and mentees are advised to be available for at least 3 months for mentorship. During this time, TNPA will provide you and your mentor with guidance including a discovery call worksheet to help you decide the terms of your mentorship (i.e. dates, contact methods, frequency, etc.) at the start of your time together.

More Questions?

Contact struxon@tnpa.org or visit www.TNPA.org/Leading_EDGE