

EASTSIDE ACADEMY Mentor Application

Inspiring change in the lives of at-risk youth through high school education, counseling, recovery, and life skills programs in a Christ centered environment.

Program Description

The purpose of the Eastside Academy Mentor Program is *to mirror the image of God to at-risk students in one-on-one relationships that inspire change and build life-skills*. Many at-risk students at Eastside Academy have never experienced a healthy relationship with an adult. Many only know the heartache of broken trust, neglect and abuse. That's why the Mentoring Program at Eastside Academy is so important. One of the main ways mentors begin building their relationship with a student is by meeting for lunch once a week, usually on the school campus. Our Mentors are a diverse group of individuals, but they have one thing in common: the ability to give hope because of their relationship with Jesus Christ. You can find out more information about Eastside Academy @ www.eastsideacademy.org

We are grateful that you are considering joining the Eastside Academy Mentor Program.

Enclosed you will find:

1. Eastside Academy Core Beliefs
2. Commitment Form
3. Application
4. Release Form

All Eastside Academy Mentors are screened*, background checked* and trained.*

*Screening includes: filling out the Commitment Form, Application, and Release Form; and a personal interview with the Eastside Academy Mentor Coordinator (set up once an application is processed).

*Background check includes: criminal record screening; and checking personal references.

*Training includes: Orientation; Mentor Forums; and the Eastside Academy Mentor Manual.

God bless you,



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What We Believe

The Word of God We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in faith and conduct.

The Trinity We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in the three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

God the Father We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

The Holy Spirit We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

Regeneration We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that the Holy Spirit regenerates those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone as Savior.

The Family We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. We believe that it is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. We believe that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. We believe that children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord.



Commitment Form 2011-2012

No mentor relationship is the same. However, you will find basic expectations for all mentor/student relationships.

After observing the ministry, spending time in prayer, and discussing with those close to me the commitment involved with being an Eastside Academy Mentor, I choose to commit to the following:

Please mark the line before each statement with your initials:

_____ I am a follower of Jesus Christ and declare He is the risen Son of God, Lord of the universe and my life.

_____ I am committed to choices and a life that honors God.

_____ I am making a significant commitment to an "at risk" student thus I commit to consistently pray for my student.

_____ I will be the catalyst in the relationship with my student. I will pursue my student through phone calls, texting, e-mails, etc, and mutually agreed meeting times. I will strive to have a constant and consistent relationship with my student. I commit 2 hours per week, on average, to this relationship.

_____ I am making a one year commitment to my student and the program.

_____ I will attend all **Mentor Forums and Orientation**. Forums are designed to give mentors support for each other, dialogue about important mentoring topics, and serve as times to pray with each other as we serve together. Dinner is served at each Forum. All Forums and Orientation are held at the school campus. See Forum schedule next page.

_____ I will invite my student to all quarterly **Student/Mentor Events**. See Event schedule next page.

_____ I will immediately report any sexual or physical abuse allegations to Eastside Academy.

_____ I will comply with all policies and procedures of Eastside Academy.

_____ I understand the mission and values of Eastside Academy and commit to help fulfill them.

- Students are matched by gender: women working with female students; and men working with male students. Exceptions are made when married couples work together.
- Every Mentor receives initial and on-going training through: Orientation, Mentor Forums, the Eastside Academy Mentor Manual and individual support.
- Each Mentor is prayerfully matched with a student.
- Each student is paired with two mentors. Mentors may work in tandem or independently, giving the student the opportunity to get to know two people as well as offering flexibility to mentors.

Mentor Forum Dates 2011-12:

*Thursday, August 25 – 6-8p **Mentor Orientation**
*Wednesday, September 7 – 6-8p **Mentor Orientation**
Tuesday October 25 – 6-8p **Mentor Forum**
Tuesday February 7 – 6-8p **Mentor Forum**
Tuesday April 10 – 6-8p **Mentor Forum**

*both Mentor Orientations are identical. It is mandatory to make it to one.

Student/Mentor Events 2011-12:

Friday, October 21 – 7-10p **Movie Night @ Lincoln Square**
Thursday, Jan 19 (TBD) **Postgame Pizza Party** (after a home basketball game)
Friday, March 23 – 7-9p **TechCity Bowl**
Friday, May 11 – 7-9p **BBQ and GameNight @ Bellevue Park**

Application

General Information:

Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Name (you like to go by): _____ Male Female

Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work Phone _____

Can you regularly commit one lunch per week with your student? Yes No

Do you have someone you'd like to partner with in mentoring? ___ Yes ___ No

Name: _____ Cell _____

References: please provide us with references, excluding relatives that can speak to your ability to work with young people.

1. Reference:

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Length of Relationship: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY Comments: _____

_____ Date contacted ___ / ___ / ___

2. Reference:

Name: _____ Relation: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____ Length of Relationship: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY Comments: _____ _____ _____ Date contacted ___/___/___

3. Reference:

Name: _____ Relation: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____ Length of Relationship: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY Comments: _____ _____ _____ Date contacted ___/___/___

Legal: *answering 'yes' to any of the following questions will not necessarily bar you from mentoring.*

Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime other than a traffic violation? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

Have you ever had or been accused of having sexual relations with any minor after you became an adult?
If yes, please explain. Yes No

Have you ever been accused or convicted of any form of child abuse, sexual molestation, rape, child neglect or any other sexual/child offense?
If yes, please explain. Yes No

Has anyone ever filed or threatened to file a civil or criminal action against you alleging physical or sexual harassment by you?
If yes, please explain. Yes No

Have you ever terminated your employment or had your employment terminated or has your employer ever reprimanded you for reasons relating to allegations of physical or sexual abuse or sexual harassment by you?
 Yes No If yes, please explain.

8) What church do you attend and in what ways are you connected?

9) What are your hobbies and interests?

Release Form

My answers on this application and on any resume I provide are complete and true. I understand that the submission of any false or incomplete information in connection with my application whether on this or other documents or in interviews, may be cause for the rejection of my application or the termination of my volunteer position. I authorize Eastside Academy and its agents to verify any information related to my application or resume. I also authorize individuals, employers, and law enforcement or government officials to freely release any information concerning my background, and hereby release any and all of them from any liability for doing so. If Eastside Academy accepts me as a volunteer mentor, I understand I will be volunteering on an at-will basis and that Eastside Academy may terminate my volunteer status at any time and for any reason.

I affirm that I will strictly comply with all policies and procedures of Eastside Academy. If at any time, I find that for any reason I am unable to support the policies, procedures, mission or beliefs of Eastside Academy, I will resign my volunteer position. I understand and agree that failure by me to abide by such policies, procedures, mission or beliefs may result in my immediate dismissal, or disciplinary action.

Print Legal Name

Maiden Name (if applicable)

Signature

Birth Date

Today's Date

Eastside Academy shall comply with appropriate federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, gender, national origin, protected age category, religion or qualified disability

Please return your completed Commitment Form, Application and Release via mail, e-mail or by dropping it off to our campus.

Attn: Dan Hedman, Eastside Academy Mentor and Alumni Coordinator

Mailing Address: 1717 Bellevue Way NE Bellevue, WA 98004

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After receiving your Commitment Form, Application and Release Form, you will be contacted to setup a time to meet. If you have any questions feel free to call Dan Hedman @ 425.452.9920.

