



Year Up did an excellent job picking a mentor who would challenge me, invest in me, encourage me, support me and - most of all - befriend me.

Serenity Crump
Year Up Chicago, Class 4

BECOME A YEAR UP MENTOR

Join the movement to close the **Opportunity Divide**

WHY BECOME A YEAR UP MENTOR?

- Make a difference in a young person's life
- Provide support during the challenging transition to a career and college
- Become part of the Year Up Mentoring community for networking opportunities with like-minded professionals

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE YEAR UP MENTOR?

- Email or call mentee once a week, and meet face-to-face once a month for a 9 month period
- Assist in building and accessing professional networks
- Review and provide feedback on resume and college forms
- Encourage continuous learning and problem solving
- Visit your mentee's internship site or invite your mentee to visit your workplace
- Attend Year Up graduation and recognize your mentee

WHAT MAKES A GREAT YEAR UP MENTOR?

- The ability and desire to work with young adults (ages 18-24) from diverse urban backgrounds
- A positive attitude and good listening skills
- The willingness to share your knowledge and experiences
- Patience, understanding, and a sense of humor

HOW DO I BECOME A YEAR UP MENTOR?

Mentor matching takes place twice a year (Spring and Fall). To mentor a Year Up student, please contact **Danielle Griffin** at dgriffin@yearup.org or (312) 726-5300 ext. 4502.

ABOUT YEAR UP

Year Up's mission is to close the **Opportunity Divide** by providing urban young adults with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their potential through professional careers and higher education.

Year Up is a non-profit organization that has created a one-year intensive training and education program that provides high school graduates and GED recipients from the Chicago area with a combination of hands-on skill development and corporate internship opportunities.

The first six months of the program focuses on technical and professional skill building, while the second six months focuses on applying these skills through corporate internships. Students also earn up to 18 college credits.

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Mentor Application

Please attach a copy of your current **resume** and a **headshot** with this application.

Information on this application will be shared with Year Up students and staff.

Please submit your completed application by email to Danielle Griffin at dgriffin@yearup.org

Name: _____

How were you referred to Year Up?

Email Address:

Personal Phone: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

Street Address _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Birth date MM/DD: _____

Gender: Male: _____ Female: _____

College: _____ City: _____

Course(s) of study: _____

Graduate School: _____ City: _____

Course of study: _____

Current occupation/Title: _____

Employer: _____

Work Phone: _____

Primary work status: Full time: _____ Part-time: _____ Retired: _____



Mentor Questionnaire

1. Why do you want to mentor at Year Up?

2. Year Up's vision is every urban young adult will have access to the education, experiences, and guidance required to realize his or her true potential. What was your Year Up? In other words, what was a significant time in your life when someone believed in you and gave you the opportunity that changed your life?

3. Year Up seeks to provide students with as many enriching experiences as possible so that they can fully develop as young professionals. What talents and skills can you offer to contribute this opportunity?

4. What do you hope to achieve through mentoring a student at Year Up?



**5. What kinds of activities would like to engage in with your mentee at Year Up Chicago?
(ie. resume edit, mock interview, networking activities)**

6. What, if any, do you feel may be some challenges in mentoring a young adult?

**7. If you have mentored/volunteered before, please provide a reference from your experience.
Be sure to include a contact name and phone number and/or an e-mail address.**

8. Please note any additional information you would like your mentee to know about you.



9. We ask that you meet with your mentee at least once a month for a minimum of seven months. Please place an ‘X’ by the times that work best for you. This information will help with scheduling events related to mentoring. Please add any additional information necessary to your availability.

Lunchtime (Weekdays) _____
After work (Weekdays) _____
Weekends _____

Thank you for offering to make such an important investment of your time and support of a young adult.

If you have questions, please call Danielle Griffin at 312-726-5300 ext. 4502 or email dgriffin@yearup.org. Completed forms can be scan to Danielle Griffin or faxed at 312-726-5320.