



RISE Mentoring Program Overview (for participants)

Rev. 1.2017

The RISE (Reaching Independence and Success through Education) Mentoring program helps students:

- ❖ Stay on track to graduate high school
- ❖ Understand the process of applying to schools of higher education and how to pay for it
- ❖ Obtain additional education and/or job training
- ❖ Plan for the future by setting goals and learning essential skills for personal growth and development
- ❖ Learn about a variety of career choices, options and paths
- ❖ Gain expanded exposure to arts and culture

How the RISE Mentoring program works:

- ❖ Mentors are assigned to work with youth ages 14-18 and still attending school.
- ❖ Each mentor meets with their student a minimum of 20 in-person meetings (we recommend 2-3 times a month, and can accommodate once a week if requested) for the duration of the academic school year
- ❖ Mentors work with each student to develop:
 - Goals (educational and employment depending upon needs and wants)
 - Plan/path to achieve the goals
 1. Review the academic standing and progress of the student
 2. Work on the 12 lessons outlined in the yearly student workbook
 3. Recommend arts and cultural activities for the student
 4. Provide guidance on classwork and help student develop outside interests
 5. Assistance finding technical colleges, apprenticeships or other work training programs
 6. Work on the personal goals of the student
 7. Including assistance with completing college applications, Financial Aid, and ensuring SAT/ACT tests are taken (including help them to register for TOLF hosted SAT/ACT prep classes)
 - Explore including arts and cultural events, foreign cultures and languages, and various careers.
- ❖ Students can and should participate in the RISE mentoring program throughout middle school and high school on a continual basis.
- ❖ Students participating during the senior year of high school receive expedited sessions to ensure their SAT scores and academic achievements meet the minimum requirements for the schools they want to attend. Mentors review college applications for completeness prior to submission, and assist students with applying for Financial Aid, scholarships and grants.
- ❖ Parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the initial session for their child; however this is not required for participation.

While in our RISE mentoring program students may utilize the following systems:

Zoho

This is a site where we can create private spaces for the mentor and student to communicate without having to share personal contact information (email and phone number), post documents for each other, send links and other information and allows TOLF staff to have the ability to monitor communication.

Khan Academy

This site allows us to help our students with their academic needs and is used along with other materials when tutoring assistance is needed. Our organization also uses Khan Academy to do a base line test for the SAT as they offer a free scored test, we are able to use. Mentors are able to log in as a coach under our organization and assign different lessons or activities to the student they work with. The mentor will be able to keep track of progress of assignments and see where the student where may need additional assistance.