



Guide for Mentees

Here is a short guide for mentees to help you and your mentor have a successful relationship during the course of your mentoring period.

1. Congratulations – by connecting with a mentor, you have taken the first step in getting into one of your dream colleges!
2. You are in the driver's seat. You will have to take the initiative to set up mutually agreeable meeting times with your mentor. When proposing meeting times, please check your mentor's availability schedule on his/her profile first and then propose a few meeting times around that schedule. Please be very precise when proposing the meeting times. For example, please propose meeting times like this:

"Hi XXX,

Could we have the Skype meeting on any of the day/times mentioned below?

1. Saturday, May 7, 11:30am PST.
2. Sunday, May 8, 12 noon PST
3. Wednesday May 11, 1:30pm PST

Thanks,

YYY

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Proposing a few meeting times around your mentor's schedule will maximize the chances of a positive outcome for setting up the meeting.

Please do NOT propose something like "Sunday any time after 10am." We have learned that proposing vague meeting times results in mentoring

sessions not happening at all because the meeting day/time does not get fixed and your allocated mentoring period eventually ends.

Please respond to messages from your mentor promptly so that the meeting scheduling process is smooth.

3. We understand that you are very busy, but your mentors are, too. Please make sure to make it to your meetings on time.
4. Spend some time getting to know each other. Your mentor has your best interests at heart. Share all your hopes, desires, and concerns with your mentor. Your mentor needs to understand you in order to really be able to give you meaningful, personalized advice.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions! Prepare a list of questions so that you can make maximum use of both your time and that of your mentor's (see some sample questions on Page 2 of this guide!). Once you are connected to your mentor, please share your questions with him/her ahead of your meeting, so that your mentor has time to research the answers if needed and provide valuable inputs to you during your meeting. OUR MENTORS ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU ALWAYS SEND THEM YOUR QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE MEETING (EVEN A DAY BEFORE THE MEETING IS OK!). If you do not have specific questions then at least let your mentors know what in general you would like to talk about (Eg: choice of a specific major, campus life etc).
6. Don't be embarrassed if you are confused about your future goals. The college application process can force you to ask yourself a lot of challenging questions. If you are shy or don't quite know what major you want to pursue in college, just share this information with your mentor. Chances are, he or she was in a similar position in High School, too.
7. If something is not working well or you don't understand what you need to do after talking to your mentor, have an honest conversation with him or her. If you are still experiencing difficulty, contact SkoolMentor at support@skoolmentor.com for further steps.
8. Your mentor is there to help you with anything you need, not just the college application process. If going to college far from home scares you, ask about it. If you want to know how to reach out to new people once you start college, ask someone who has gone through the same experience.

Your mentor will undoubtedly become your friend, and the more open and honest you are, the more you'll make of this experience!

Sample Questions for Mentees

Here are some sample questions that you can ask your mentors to help get the conversation started:

1. I don't quite know what major I want to pursue—do I have to declare a major when I apply? Can I change my intended major if accepted to that college?
2. I am good at basketball, but my GPA is not that great. What are my options?
3. I have a decent GPA, but I did not do well on the SAT/ACT. What should I do?
4. How important are recommendation letters in the college admissions process? Who should I ask to write one for me?
5. Looking at my transcript and list of extracurricular activities, what qualities do you think I should highlight on my college applications?
6. How should I apply for financial aid on my college applications? If I apply for financial aid, does that make colleges hesitant to accept me?
7. Looking back at your own High School career, are there any classes or activities you regret not participating in?
8. I want to pursue internships and work while I go to college. Is that a feasible option?
9. What kinds of activities do you do in college for fun or to supplement your studies?
10. What is a typical day like for a college student?