

Mentor Program

Purpose:

The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF) is looking for individuals to volunteer their time to help DMSF scholarship recipients achieve a positive scholastic journey throughout high school. With the help of a mentor, Murphy Scholars learn life skills and receive the guidance necessary to be successful in high school and beyond.

Mentor's Role:

The mentor is a positive role model, motivator, and leader for their Murphy Scholar. Together the mentor and Murphy Scholar engage in activities that are fun and also productive for the Scholar's scholastic and developmental advancement. The mentor's role is to provide guidance, support, reassurance, and feedback to their Scholar.

Mentor Expectations

- ❑ **Meet with your Scholar twice a quarter.** (every 1-2 months)
- ❑ **Communicate regularly with your Scholar.**
As a DMSF mentor, it is required that you communicate a minimum of twice a month. Communication with your Scholar may include, but is not limited to, phone calls, letters/cards, texts and emails.
- ❑ **Attend DMSF mentor/Scholar activities.**
Events will take place at least four times throughout the year. Previous activities included picnics, musicals, and artistic events. New activities will be announced.
- ❑ **Help your Scholar meet their educational needs.**
The Scholar's adjustment to a rigorous academic environment can sometimes be difficult. Your guidance and emotional support will help immensely in their scholastic journey.
- ❑ **Maintain close contact with DMSF staff.**
Communication between all members of the Scholar's support network is critical to achieve success. Keep DMSF staff aware of how your relationship is progressing (or concerns) with regular updates in addition to program improvement ideas to trenton@dmsf.org
- ❑ **Be an enthusiastic and responsible advocate for the DMSF mission.**
Share the DMSF story with those you know and encourage them to get involved. Be on the lookout to recruit friends and colleagues who might be interested in mentoring.

Activities:

The activities that the Murphy Scholars and mentors participate in should create a solid relationship. By spending time with your Scholar, it allows the two of you to talk in a casual environment and learn about one another. By learning more about your Scholar, you can plan activities that relate to your and his/her interests. This makes activities fun and a great experience for both of you.