In 2023, we’re ready to...

Reverse Pandemic-Related Trends

In 2021, Tennessee experienced a 9 percentage point decline in its college-going rate, reaching a 10-year low of 52%. Mentors will play a critical role in reversing this trend by ensuring Tennessee students have someone in their corner on their college journey!

Inspire Students

“I didn’t have anyone to help me out with the college process because no one in my family had gone. I was nervous about reaching out for help because of all the questions. However, my mentor was really accommodating and we even met in person. My mentor was incredibly supportive!”

- Haylee, Montgomery County

Engage Communities

Mentors play a critical role in the development of our local workforce by connecting students with high-quality, tuition-free post-secondary opportunities.

Roles of a Mentor

While TN Promise funding is critical, mentors serve as difference-makers for many students who are the first in their families to attend college. The time commitment is small - less than one hour per month - but the impact can be life-changing.

Mentors play three roles:

1. TASK-MANAGER
   - Ensure students meet critical deadlines by sending reminders.

2. RESOURCE
   - Answer questions as students navigate the college process.

3. ENCOURAGER
   - Be the person who says, “We can do this TOGETHER!”

We’re ready. Who’s with us?
Mentor Program Timeline

Mentors commit to **ONE YEAR at ONE HOUR** per month to support tnAchieves seniors who are transitioning from high school to college.

**Now-October 21, 2022**
Complete the mentor application at tnAchieves.org by October 21, 2022. Invite your friends to join you. Remember, you have the option of choosing your county and high school!

**Now-November 4, 2022**
After completing your mentor application, view the one-hour tnAchieves mentor training webinar to learn more about mentor expectations and program logistics.

**November 2022**
Receive list of assigned TN Promise students from the high school of your choice.

**December 2022-January 2023**
Meet with assigned TN Promise students at their Mandatory TN Promise Meeting hosted at their high school.

**February-May 2023**
Ensure that students file the 2023-2024 FAFSA. Attend tnAchieves Open House or conduct face-to-face meetings with your assigned TN Promise students.

**May-August 2023**
Remind students to submit 8 hours of community service by July 1 and ensure they are following the steps to successfully enroll in college.

**August-October 2023**
Ensure that your group of assigned TN promise students begin college the fall following high school graduation and find success their first semester of college.

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**Become a Mentor**

**October 21, 2022**
Mentor Application Deadline

How to apply:

**Scan the QR code with your phone or visit tnAchieves.org/mentors**

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**Questions?**

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