

## MENTOR

In 2023, we're ready to...

### Reverse Pandemic-Related Trends

NEARLY  
**20%**  
DECLINE  
In Tennessee's  
College-Going  
Rate

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 I had so many 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



TENNESSEE  
**Promise**

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](https://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.

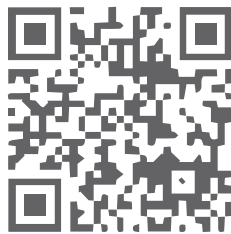
## Become a Mentor

### October 21, 2022

#### Mentor Application Deadline

#### How to apply:

Scan the QR code with your phone or visit [tnAchieves.org/mentors](https://tnAchieves.org/mentors)



**APPLY!**

## Questions?

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