



E CITY Volunteer Opportunity: Business Plan Mentor

Background:

Every student in E CITY's programs must create a business plan for a small business venture. The students will present these plans to their class, and then six of them will be selected to present in front of a panel of judges at the final business plan competition. (They are not required to actually operate the business, but many do.)

Description of the Mentor's Role:

Business Plan Mentors work one-on-one with a student to help him or her get ideas onto paper and into a Power Point presentation. The students will already have much of the work done when you arrive, but they need the guidance of an adult to help get the language right, to double-check the math, and maybe to keep their confidence up.

Time Commitment:

Two (2) hours each week during the semester-long course. And, to continue your support and encouragement by helping them set goals and offering advice for a minimum of one year. Business Plan mentors will come to the classroom during specified times during the school day to support the student they are matched with; and are asked to maintain contact either in person or by phone for the seven months following the course. The relationship you build will be invaluable in helping the student plan his or her future.

Qualifications:

You must be college age or older. Comfort in using computers and doing basic math are essential, as is a general willingness to work with a teen. We will give you a business plan outline and Power Point template, in addition to the companionship of the teacher and other business plan coaches. You do not need to be a business expert to be effective in this role.

Benefits:

You may be the "link" that inspires the student to complete the program. You may be the first caring adult that has spent significant time with this student. You may also enjoy the first-hand exposure to some eager Painesville school students, their teachers, and the E CITY program.



Business Plan Mentor Inquiry

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Title _____

Business _____

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*For further information, please contact
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