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## **New York City Mentoring Program Web Site and Literary Mentoring Resources**



### **I. Mentoring**

*These resources are useful to acquire general information about mentoring, such as what it means to be a mentor, dealing with issues that may arise in your mentor/mentee relationship, and mentoring as a national initiative.*

<http://www.nycmentoringprogram.org>: Use the New York City Mentoring Program's official web site to support your mentoring relationships with resources and activity ideas, find out what's going on in the program citywide, and celebrate mentees, mentors, and coordinators for their accomplishments.

<http://www.mentoring.org>: MENTOR: National Mentoring Partnership offers on-line mentor training, resources, and other information on mentoring.

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/YesYouCan/>: *Yes, You Can: A Guide for Establishing Mentoring Programs to Prepare Youth for College*. Sections on "What is a Mentor," "What Do Mentors Do," and "Dealing with Obstacles to Success" may be useful for new mentors.

Freedman, Marc. *The Kindness of Strangers: Adult Mentors, Urban Youth, and the New Voluntarism*. Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Naylor, Larry, ed. *Cultural Diversity in the United States*. Westport, Connecticut: Bergin & Garvey, 1997.



### **II. Activities for Mentoring Pairs in the New York City Area**

*These sites will provide you and your mentee with possible activities to do in the five boroughs.*

<http://newyork.citysearch.com>: A guide to all activities in New York City: famous sights, museums, hidden treasures, and other fun things to do.

<http://www.highfivetix.org>: Students may purchase tickets at discount prices to various films, plays, dance performances, and other cultural events in New York City. A student can attend an event with an adult for \$5 (or less!) per person.

<http://www.gocitykids.com/?area=197>: Although this web site is geared towards families with younger children, it still has many suggestions of places that you and your mentee might like to visit in New York City. Categories include: farmer's markets, gardens, great views, historic attractions, ice skating rinks, inline skating/boarding zones, arcades, art centers, bowling, and libraries.

<http://teenlink.nypl.org/index.html>: This is the New York Public Library's site for teenagers. Search for free events to attend with your mentee or books to read together.

<http://www.kidsforcommunity.org>: Inspire your mentee to get involved in community service. This web site targets youth who are interested in volunteering, but opportunities can be found for both adults and teenagers. Doing a community service project together is an excellent mentor-mentee activity. [Note: The New York City Coalition Against Hunger, Partnerships for Parks, and Publicolor are specific organizations in New York that take both youth and adult volunteers.]



### III. Resources for Teens

*Here are a few sites that you may want to explore with or without your mentee, to understand some of the issues that high school students face or to figure out how to connect your student to resources.*

<http://www.ipl.org/div/teen/>: This is the Internet Public Library's "Teen Space" and connects teenagers to web sites and other resources in many areas, including arts and entertainment, books and writing, clubs and organizations, dating, health, homework help, and issues and conflicts.

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/students/index.html>: The New York Times' Learning Network provides news summaries, a daily news quiz, student letters to the editor, and a student web navigator with links to many useful sites related to academic subjects, college admissions, homework help, and other topics.

<http://www.whatkidscando.org>: What Kids Can Do is a national nonprofit that "document[s] the value of young people working with teachers and other adults on projects that combine powerful learning with public purpose for an audience of educators and policy makers, journalists, community members, and students." Check out their thought-provoking collection of research on youth-related issues and articles, essays, and poetry about (and in many cases written by) youth. Great material to start up a discussion with your mentee.

<http://www.thebeehive.org>: Check out the following sections: resume builder, youth jobs, homework help, money, and college. For a budgeting project, use the budget tools located in the Money section.



#### **IV. World of Work**

*These sites will help mentoring pairs explore career options and increase their world-of-work awareness. You can assist your mentee in writing resumes, preparing for interviews, and finding jobs and internships on the internet.*

<http://www.salary.com>: Free salary information for thousands of job titles.

<http://www.wetfeet.com>: Research careers; read profiles on careers, industries, and real people in various occupations; and learn interview and resume-writing techniques.

<http://www.quintcareers.com>: “Quintessential Careers” provides a career toolkit and information on web sites that can aid in the research of jobs and careers. The site also has a special section for teens at: [www.quintcareers.com/teens.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/teens.html).

<http://www.snagajob.com>: This site has a list of hundreds of jobs for high school students in New York City plus advice on how to get one.

<http://www.acinet.org>: America’s Career InfoNet gives you the opportunity to look up the education, skills, responsibilities, wages, and trends associated with a variety of professions.

<http://www.employmentspot.com>: Check out the “Employment Articles” section for information on the fastest growing careers, how to find more information about specific professional fields, and other job-related topics.

<http://www.internjobs.com>: Go to the Job Seekers section and search for internships and jobs by location (United States—New York—New York City).

<http://www.bls.gov>: The U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics is a great resource for learning about careers. Go to [www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm) to access the Occupational Outlook Handbook, which outlines job responsibilities, conditions, wages, and anticipated occupational prospects.



## V. Preparing for College

*You may use these sites to help your mentee search for information on colleges, scholarships, and financial aid.*

<http://www.collegeboard.com>: Search for colleges and scholarships; learn how to plan for college as a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school; and get tips on essay-writing. Download a full-length (and free) practice SAT.

<http://www.majortests.com/sat/>: Activities and tips to help students study for the SAT.

<http://www.number2.com>: This site includes a free, personalized, on-line test preparation course.

<http://collegeapps.about.com>: This is the About.com site for college admissions. Search for colleges and scholarships and find articles and other resources on college essays, visits, interviews, etc.

<http://www.nsse.iub.edu>: The National Survey of Student Engagement's *College Pocket Guide* (in 'Students and Parents' section) will help students figure out what questions they should be asking as they make decisions about which colleges they would like to attend.

<http://www.finaid.org>: This site provides information about financial aid, loans, scholarships, military aid, and grants. It also has a useful Q & A component, tools to figure out how much aid is needed, and information regarding testing, college admissions, and jobs.

<http://www.scholarships.com>: Free college scholarship search and financial aid information resources.

<http://www.petersons.com>: This College Search Center has information on colleges, ACT and SAT prep, and scholarships.

<http://www.collegeconfidential.com>: Information on colleges, applying to college, and college life. This is an interesting collection of articles to help students make their decisions.

<http://www.fastweb.com>: Students can create a profile for themselves and receive information on scholarships and colleges that fit what they're looking for.

<http://www.nacacnet.org/memberportal/news/stepsnewsletter/>: Look through the archives of the National Association for College Admission Counseling's "Steps to College" newsletter for advice and information on such topics as early decision deadlines, how to have a successful senior year of high school, how to navigate the changing parent/child relationship, and packing for college.