

APPLY TO BE A PEERFORWARD

## College Coach

### What is PeerForward?



PeerForward transforms the lives of young people from low-income communities by developing teams of high school students who use influence and community organizing to lead their peers to higher education and careers. Our high school Peer Leaders will connect 122,000 students to postsecondary success in the next four years. You can help train these Peer Leaders at our Summer Workshops.

#### From Students to Peer Leader

Workshops are the cornerstone of the PeerForward program. This is where the transformation occurs from student to Peer Leader.

#### OUR IMPACT

**80%** of students who attend a workshop enroll in college.

**350k** Students — that's how many we've worked with nationwide in the past two decades!

**Double** the likelihood that a low-income student will enroll in college thanks to our peer-to-peer model.

#### OUR TRAINING



College Admissions Portfolio  
*Personal Statement, College Lists & Applications*



Financial Aid



Leadership Development

### Connect to Your Students as a College Coach

- The opportunity to work one-on-one with up to 8 rising high school seniors
- Collaborate with other volunteers to provide the best possible service to students
- Empower high school seniors to recognize and reach their true potential

## **Connect to Your Community by**

- Having membership in a national community of dedicated volunteers and staff
- Connecting with new colleagues who share the fundamental belief that all students are capable of success
- Learning transferable skills for any workplace

## **College Coach Qualifications**

- Have at least one year of professional experience in college counseling (i.e., high school guidance counselor, college admissions officer, private college counselor, college requirement advisor, nonprofit college guidance assistance)
- Be able to read a student transcript and make subsequent collegiate recommendations in a positive choice-based framework
- Have a healthy knowledge of local and national colleges and universities and college admissions requirements
- Be comfortable/have familiarity with advising mid-tier students from under-resourced communities
- Be comfortable/have familiarity with responding to emotionally intense situations
- Be comfortable advising students virtually through Zoom Meetings
- Be comfortable participating receiving and responding to feedback
- Proficient skill in Microsoft Office and Google Suites
- Willing to submit to a background check
- Willingness to submit to periodic COVID-19 testing during the Workshop season

## **Schedule and Minimum Commitment**

- Participate in and complete a one-hour virtual training prior to the start of Workshops
- Commit to serve as a College Coach for up to eight Peer Leaders over four days
- Conduct a one-hour college coaching session for up to eight Peer Leaders each
- Use the PeerForward template to complete a college list for each student with ten college options as well as senior year next steps
- Consult with a Director of College Coaching to finalize college lists