



APPLY TO BECOME A

PeerForward College Coach

About the Role



Connect to Your Students as a College Coach

- Work virtually one-on-one with up to eight rising high school seniors to develop individualized lists of best-fitting postsecondary programs
- Empower high school seniors to recognize and reach their true potential

Join a Community

- Gain membership to a national community of dedicated volunteers and staff
- Collaborate with other volunteers to provide the best possible service to students
- Connect with new colleagues who share the fundamental belief that all students are capable of success

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
- Have awareness of and ability to navigate college and scholarship search sites, AI tools, and other online resources to develop robust college lists
- 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

Schedule & Minimum Commitment

- Participate in and complete a one-hour virtual training prior to the start of Workshops
- Commit to serve virtually as a College Coach for up to eight Peer Leaders over four days, which involves a one-hour college coaching session for each assigned Peer Leader
- Participate in additional virtual collaboration and training sessions with your fellow College Coaches and Directors of College Coaching throughout the four days
- Conduct online research (leveraging AI and relevant online databases when appropriate) to compile lists of postsecondary programs tailored to each student's interests and academic background
- Use the PeerForward template to complete a college list for each student with ten best-fitting college options as well as senior year next steps
- Consult with the Director of College Coaching to finalize college lists

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.

700k+ Students — that's how many we've impacted through our hands-on workshops and campaigns since 1996.

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

