



# Join cyMentor

## About cyMentor

City Year is thrilled to announce the launch of , an innovative, online mentoring pilot, that will benefit students at the Mastery Charter School – Shoemaker Campus in West Philadelphia. cyMentor matches 10<sup>th</sup> grade Mastery students with supportive adults to help them achieve their academic, personal, and career goals from the time they are paired through high school graduation. Pairs will get to know each other through a unique combination of weekly email correspondence and monthly group events. Mentors include City Year alums/ corporate partners, Mastery graduates/community partners and other interested community members.



## Why cyMentor is Right for You

Not only will you have fun, but you'll also change a young person's life. You won't have to do it alone – most of the mentoring happens in groups and over email. Plus, you'll be assigned a full-time City Year staff member to help you along the way. This flexible mentoring model is supportive and requires only 4 to 6 hours per month – it's a profound way to make a difference for the future of a young person.



## Why We Need You

Only 54% of Philadelphia youth graduate from school high school, compared to other youth in Pennsylvania (88%) and across the nation (68%). Out of the top 100 major urban areas in America, Philadelphia ranks 92nd in college degree attainment, with only 18% of adults earning a college diploma. Mentoring programs can help drive academic engagement and support the social-emotional needs of high-need students.



## Why it Matters

Of youth who participate in mentoring programs, 73% are more likely to strengthen their goals for the future, 59% are more likely to earn better grades and 52% are less likely to skip school. This lays the foundation for high school graduation and post-secondary success, which research shows is the single most effective way to break the cycle of poverty.



## Overview of Mentor Role

- Participate in a screening process to support mentor-mentee matching
- Send one weekly email on an interesting topic that is provided by City Year staff
- See your mentee once a month for two hours at a City Year sponsored event
- Support your mentee through graduation



## Apply Today

Please visit <https://cymmentor.imentorinteractive.org/> to submit a mentor application or email [cymmentor@cityyear.org](mailto:cymmentor@cityyear.org) with any questions. Thank you for your interest!

cyMentor is a collaboration between City Year and iMentor, a national nonprofit that uses an evidence-based online mentoring program to advance the academic success of students from low-income communities, increasing the number of young people who graduate from high school college-ready. In July 2010, iMentor was awarded one of the inaugural federal Social Innovation Fund (SIF) grants, allowing it to launch partnerships with three high-performing, national non-profit organizations, including City Year.

