

THE BRIDGEPORT MENTORING PROGRAM

Mentor Application Form

Name _____ Date _____

Previous Names (maiden) _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security # _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

(Unless otherwise noted, correspondence is usually sent to the home address)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Indicate your preference: _____ A Boy _____ A Girl _____ No Preference

Grade Level Preferred (Grades K – 8): _____ No preference _____

Write a brief statement on why you wish to be a mentor in the Bridgeport Mentoring Program:

Describe any special interests that might be helpful in matching you and your mentee (e.g. career interests, chess, stamp collecting, roller skating, golf, stock market, computers, baseball, music, sports, painting, etc.):

List any foreign languages that you speak: _____

Please provide three references (Present work employer, if applicable; no relatives, please):

Name	Address	Affiliation	Phone
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Mentor Employment History and Release Statement

Employment History

List the last three places of employment with the most recent first:

Company _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of employment _____ to _____

Company _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of employment _____ to _____

Company _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of employment _____ to _____

Mentor Release Statement

I, the undersigned, hereby state that if accepted as mentor, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Bridgeport Mentoring Program. I understand the mentoring program ideally involves spending one hour each week at the assigned school with my mentee from September to June. Further, I understand that I will attend an initial training session and program meetings during the year. I will communicate with the school staff regularly throughout the year. I will be committing to serve as a mentor for two school years and may be asked to renew for subsequent years. I have not been convicted, within the past ten years, of any felony or misdemeanor classified as an offense against a person or family, of public indecency, or a violation involving a state or federally controlled substance. I am not under current indictment. Further, I hereby fully release, discharge, and hold harmless the Bridgeport Mentoring Program, the School Volunteer Association of Bridgeport, Inc., participating organizations and all of the foregoing's employees, officers, directors and coordinators from all liability, claims, causes of action, costs and expenses which may be or may at any time hereafter become attributable to my participation in the Bridgeport Mentoring Program.

I understand that the Bridgeport Mentoring Program and relationships established take place only on school property within the confines of the school day and at occasional program sponsored and organized activities. *This program* does not encourage relationships established between mentor/mentee and family members beyond the school day and program organized activities. Mentors who wish to have contact outside of school will be referred to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southwestern CT. Program staff reserves the right to terminate a mentor from the program.

I give permission for mentor staff to conduct a background check as part of the screening for entrance into this program. This may include verification of personal and employment references as well as a motor vehicle and criminal check. In the event of the organization's determination of my ineligibility, I understand that the reason will not be provided.

I have read the above Release Statement and agree to its contents. I certify that all statements in this application form are true and accurate.

Mentor Signature

Date

Please return this form to the School Volunteer Office, 280 Tesiny Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606.
For additional information, call 275-1120 (Fax 372-7214)