



Mentoring Program Application for 2020-21

Please note that all our programs will be online at least until November and students and mentors will be expected to join us via zoom only. If we resume our programs in a physical space, when it is safe according to CDC regulations, mentors will be expected to attend the workshops and mentoring sessions at Justice High School.

United for Social Justice (USJ) is a non-profit organization. For the past 11 years, USJ has helped hundreds of first-generation students achieve their dream of higher education through our programs. Our programs are free to our students and the programs are as follow:

1. **Road to College Workshop Program:** Interactive workshops facilitated by professionals and experts from local universities on subjects such as: finding scholarships, college loans and financial literacy, writing your college essay, developing a strong resume, STEM 101, College 101, career panel, self advocacy, choosing a college, college admissions, and more.
2. **Mentoring Program:** one-on-one mentoring where students can receive mentoring from a college student or a professional in academics and the college application process.
3. **USJ Scholarship Opportunity** (for USJ seniors only): Every year USJ awards scholarship money to selected seniors who have attended USJ events, embody USJ's spirit, and apply for the scholarship.
4. **A support network:** Our group of students will feel a sense of family in our programs through the individualized attention and guidance they will receive from the board members, the facilitators, their mentors, and their peers. Many of our students have called USJ a "familia" or family because we also create recreational/community activities for our students to bond (soccer tournament and team building activities), we follow-up on the students' progress, and we provide students with additional scholarship, program, and internship information.

USJ is a volunteer-based non-profit. Without the commitment of individuals like you, we would not be able to offer mentoring sessions to our students.

For the Mentoring Program, USJ is looking for self-motivated and responsible college students, recent college graduates, and professionals who want to make a difference by volunteering to mentor our students. Applicants accepted as mentors will serve as guides and role models to first generation USJ high school students to help them prepare for college. Mentors are expected to attend the monthly USJ workshops/mentoring sessions via zoom and once it is safe per CDC regulations at Justice High School (please see calendar on page 2).



Mentors will receive appropriate training to fulfill their role, are expected to spend at least about 4 hours per month in their role as mentors in addition to attending the monthly workshops/mentoring sessions, and may need to comply with a background check. In return, mentors will benefit from becoming part of the USJ family, which encompasses networking opportunities, a USJ recommendation letter per request, and more.

Deadline: Please email your signed and completed application to contact@u4sj.org by September 18, 2020. Our program with the students will start in October 2020.

Please **save the dates** for your mentoring training sessions on **Saturday, September 26 from 1-2pm** and on **Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 1-2pm**. Each training session will be via zoom. If you cannot attend any one of these two mentoring sessions, please let us know at the time you submit this application.

USJ Program Schedule 2020-21

Sept. 26:	Mentoring training session 1
Oct. 3:	Mentoring training session 2
Oct. 8:	Kickoff Even
Oct. 29:	Applying for College
Nov. 19:	Mentoring Session
Dec. 3:	Money for College
Jan. 14:	Winter Party
Jan. 28:	Hunting for Scholarship
Feb. 11:	Career Panel
Feb. 25:	Mentoring Workshop
March 18:	Self Advocacy for College Success
April 15:	Mentoring Session
May 1:	Soccer Tournament
May 20:	Closing Ceremony



APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell phone or home #: _____ Alt. tel. #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Interests and hobbies: _____

Do you speak any languages besides English? _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

School: _____ Class: _____

Major: _____ or Occupation _____

Educational Attainment: High School BA/BS MA Phd Other _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about USJ? _____

Please tell us why you would like to be a mentor to USJ students:

Please detail any mentoring experience you have had:

Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes, please list all of them.



By signing below, I confirm that I understand the goals of the USJ program and that I commit for one academic year (October 2020 – May 2021) to attend USJ’s workshops and mentoring sessions, which require a commitment of 1 event (sometimes 2 events) per month. In addition to attending USJ’s monthly events, I commit to investing about 4 hours per month in following up with my mentee(s) on his/her/their progress in achieving their individualized higher education goals. I understand that consistency in mentoring is crucial to the USJ students and that I will not miss more than 20% of USJ workshops and mentoring sessions. I also understand that USJ, its board members, students, other mentors, and volunteers are not responsible for any injuries or accidents I may incur during the meetings or events. **I also confirm that I have no criminal record and I that I have never been involved in the abuse, neglect, or abandonment of a child.** Finally, I also commit to my goal of higher education, to attend the mentor trainings, and to comply with the instructions provided to me during the mentoring trainings.

Applicant’s full name: _____ Applicant’s signature: _____

Date: _____



**Photo Release Waiver
Authorization and Release**

I hereby grant permission to United for Social Justice (hereinafter “USJ”), and its officers, board members, students, representatives, successors, to photograph my image, likeness, or depiction of myself. I hereby grant permission to USJ to edit, crop, or retouch such photographs, and waive any right to inspect the final photographs. I hereby consent to and permit photographs of me to be used by USJ worldwide for any purpose, including educational and advertisement purposes, and in any medium, including print and electronic. I understand that USJ may use such photographs with or without associating names thereto. I further waive any claim for compensation of any kind for the USJ's use or publication of photographs of me.

I hereby fully and forever discharge and release USJ from any claim for damages of any kind (including, but not limited to, invasion of privacy; defamation; false light or misappropriation of name, likeness or image) arising out of the use or publication of photographs of me by USJ, and covenant and agree not to sue or otherwise initiate legal proceedings against USJ for such use or publication on my own behalf. All grants of permission and consent, and all covenants, agreements and understandings contained herein are irrevocable.

I acknowledge and represent that I am over the age of 18, have read this entire document, that I understand its terms and provisions, and that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily on behalf of myself and/or my minor children (if applicable).

If you are over 18 please sign here:

Applicant's printed name

Applicant's signature

Date