

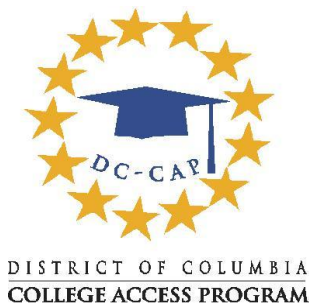


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The Alpha Leadership Project is looking for committed mentors to work with 9th—12th grade boys in Washington, DC! Our mentors will participate in small-group discussions within the high schools

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Greetings!

Statistics indicate that Black and Latino males graduate at a lower rate than White males, are 3 times more likely to be victims of homicide and 4 times less likely to graduate from college. Black and Latino males comprise these statistics in many urban areas to include Washington, DC. This has led to the creation of the Alpha Leadership Project (ALP).

The [Alpha Leadership Project](#) (ALP) is an academic and personal enrichment program designed to impact the lives of 9th – 12th grade young men of color in Washington, DC with hopes of raising the percentage of students that graduate from high school and matriculate and graduate from college. Currently, we are located in Coolidge, Dunbar, Roosevelt, Spingarn, and Wilson Senior High Schools. ALP is a program within the [D.C. College Access Program](#), an organization dedicated to making college a reality for thousands of DC youth.

The Alpha Leadership Project is in the process of recruiting men around Washington, DC to be mentors and motivators for the young men in the program. Being a mentor in this program requires minimal time, but has the potential to create a tremendous impact. We are asking mentors to attend our monthly workshops and engage the boys with your wisdom and experience. We know that your presence during the meetings will create a supportive atmosphere and will reassure the students that they have allies in their lives. During your time in the workshops, we will provide lunch for you and the students while engaging on the chosen topic.

Your time and commitment in each school will not exceed one hour and fifteen minutes (the length of the lunch period). As a mentor, you will receive notification of the workshop topics at least 4 weeks prior to the workshop date. We know that your time is valuable; therefore we will keep you abreast of any changes or unplanned circumstances. In addition we will train you on the E-mentoring website to insure that you have an alternative means of reaching out to your mentees.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor with the Alpha Leadership Project, please contact me directly via e-mail: Michael.Andrews@dccap.org or by phone at (202) 783-7938 or (202) 783-2716. Our mentor application is [on-line](#) and also attached to the mentor information packet, along with more detailed information about the mentoring program. Feel free to submit your application on-line or you may print out the hard copy application and return to us via mail or fax. Thank you very much for your interest in the Alpha Leadership Project.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Andrews
[Alpha Leadership Project](#) Director

Motivation & Mentoring

Mentoring is a proven strategy that can positively impact the lives of students in and out of the classroom.

The Alpha Leadership Project (ALP) encourages and empowers young men in DC Public High Schools to stay connected and engaged, avoid negative peer pressure, graduate from high school, and be better prepared for college.

And **YOU** can help!

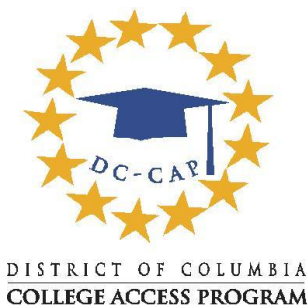
The new and improved structure for mentoring will assign mentors to specific high schools; giving each mentor an opportunity to make a tangible and long-term connection with the young men. You will see them grow and mature and they will come to know and recognize you.

Mentors will be invited to attend each monthly workshop in their assigned high school. During your time in the school, you will have lunch with the group, and meet with your assigned 5-10 students to engage in the chosen topic.

As a mentor, you will receive notification of the workshops at least 4 weeks prior to the workshop date. We know that your time is valuable, and will try our best to notify you of any changes or unplanned circumstances. E-mentoring is also available as another means to keep in contact with your mentee.

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**The Alpha Leadership Project (ALP)
Volunteer Mentor Application**

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Please type or print clearly. All information provided will be treated as confidential solely and will only be used by the DC College Access Program (DC-CAP) for the purpose of assessing volunteer candidates' qualifications for acceptance into The Alpha Leadership Project.

(This form can also be completed on line)

Name: (Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)
Home Address:		Home Phone:
City:	County:	State: Zip:
Cell Phone:	E-mail:	
Home address, including county, Previous address if you have lived at current address for less than 3 years: <i>attach separate sheet if needed</i>		
Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:	
Race/ethnicity:		
Language(s) other than English:		

Employment

Profession:	Job title:
Employer:	
Employer Address:	Number of Years on the Job:
City:	State: Zip:
Work Phone:	Work Fax: E-mail:

Education

University/College	Name & Location:
	Major: Dates attended: Degree:
Graduate School	Name & Location:
	Field: Dates attended: Degree:
Trade School	Name & Location:
	Field: Dates attended: Diploma/Degree:
Military Service	Branch, rank, dates of service:

History of Working with Youth

Have you ever worked with youth?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	What age Group?
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If yes, briefly describe your experience, responsibilities, and group with whom you worked.

To what extent do you feel comfortable talking with a teenager about the following?

	Very	Somewhat	Slightly	Not at all
A) Academic Skills				
B) College Planning				
C) Career Planning/Job preparation				
D) Personal Issues				

General Information

Hobbies, favorite recreational activities: Please check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Video Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Museums	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports (general)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Eating Out	<input type="checkbox"/> Music (general)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Dancing	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Football
<input type="checkbox"/> Movies	<input type="checkbox"/> Listening to music	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Playing music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Working out
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____			

Do you have children? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, how many? (Please list ages)
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Why do you want to be a mentor?

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How did you hear about The Alpha Leadership Project?

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Medical History

Do you have any medical condition(s) that would limit your participation? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain.

Legal History

(This section is necessary to protect the safety of our youth participants. All information will be treated as confidential.)

Have you ever been arrested? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain.

Have you ever been convicted of felony? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain.

Have you had any past or present problems related to abuse of drugs or alcohol? yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain.

Background Check

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that all information will be verified by the DC College Access Program (DC-CAP). I understand that any false statement made on this application will jeopardize my opportunity to serve as a volunteer with DC-CAP.

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize and request any present or former employer, educational institution, law enforcement agency, or other persons having knowledge about me to furnish the DC College Access Program, or its agents, with all information in their possessions regarding me. Further, I hereby release from liability and hold harmless all persons and corporations supplying this information to the DC College Access Program.

There may be a small, tax deductible fee associated with the background check, depending on which company handles the processing of information.

Multimedia Release

I understand that by signing this application I hereby consent to the use of my name, likeness and speech in any audiotape, videotape, film, photograph, or electronic transmission or display made during the course of the DC-CAP Alpha Leadership Project's social, cultural, extracurricular and marketing events and activities.

I certify that the above responses are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Additional application requirements:



References: (One co-worker, one from an organization that you are affiliated with or have worked with, and one from a professional or personal acquaintance.)

Personal:

Name: _____

Address & Phone Number

Organization:

Name: _____

Address & Phone Number

Professional: Name: _____

Address & Phone Number

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (Initials of recording staff person must accompany each entry)

Application Rec'd.	Entered in Dbase	Training Date