APPUP COLLEGE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
OFFICIAL INFORMATION HANDBOOK
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We Believe

College is the most significant and complicated decision a high school student has to make.

AppUP gathers, trains, and connects a community of dedicated University of Chicago mentors with high school students for homework assistance, ACT prep, and the college application process.
AppUP’s mission is:

1. Inspire high school students to aim for their full potential through one-on-one tutoring and mentorship sessions.

2. Build a community of university students who have the same interests in supporting younger students in getting into college.
**Weekly Commitment**

**Weekdays**
- Mentorship Session: 2 hour*
- Homework/Prep for mentor and mentee: 0–2 hours
- Total: 2–4 hours

**Weekends**
- Mentor-only Reflection Session: 1 hour
- Total: 1 hour

**Total Commitment**
- 3–5 hours

*transportation time included (we provide transportation from and to the site)
Program Overview

**Mentorship Sessions**
- **Group Workshop**
  - Guest speakers
  - Presentation + Smaller Group
- **One-on-One**
  - In-depth essay help
  - College access and test preparation
  - 2-way relationship

**Reflection Sessions**
- **Training**
  - Up-front training sessions
  - Weekly session preparation
- **Reflection**
  - Weekly sharing session
  - Required feedback to committee
What’s in it for you

Want to develop a relationship with high school students of different backgrounds? We offer a year-long guided opportunity for you to get to connect and bond with high school students.

Want to develop a relationship with other UChicago students just as passionate about community service? We hold weekly committee meetings where you get to share your experiences with a few other students, in a totally supportive environment!

Want to learn about Hyde Park beyond the rumors? We go to a few sites in the Hyde Park Neigborhood to serve high school students, which is a great chance to learn about the history of Hyde Park where we live in for 4 years, both the good and the bad.
**Overview to College**

We want to educate to mentees the value of college and different types of college.

**Pick List of College**

Mentees will be able to make a list of reach, match, safety schools and plan their future classes and activities.

**Summer plans**

Mentors and mentees will explore together options for summer, such as getting a job/service opportunity, and getting a headstart on essay-writing.
Application Season

This part is designed for seniors in the heat of applications and deadlines. Based on different deadlines, mentors will work with mentees on applications for their colleges of interest.

Early Action, Early Decision Deadlines

Financial Aid, FAFSA, and Scholarships

Since money is often the biggest concern for students, we want to bring students on an UChicago tour and connect them with the Financial Aid Office. In Winter, we plan to host a parents night for FAFSA.
We will recruit 1 or 2 times throughout the academic year

The application process:
1. Come to our Info Sessions
   appup.uchicago.edu/info.html
2. Fill out our short application
   appup.uchicago.edu/applications.html
3. Talk with us for 30 minutes about your passion
4. Email appup@uchicago.edu if you have any questions

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