



Prospective Mentor Cover Letter Mentor Me Petaluma

Dear Friend:

We are delighted that you are considering becoming a mentor! Our mission is to match every Petaluma child who needs a mentor with a caring adult. Your decision to mentor will help us reach our goal. Mentors provide a listening ear and non-judgmental guidance. They act as good role models for their mentees, helping them learn to set healthy boundaries and become happy, resilient people.

You will need to fill out a mentor application and give a reference form to three people. After we review the information on the application and references, and meet with you, New Mentor Training comes next. Once trained, we match you first at a school and then with a child. Taking the time to make a good match is the most important component of mentoring partnerships that last. Three to six months after you begin mentoring, we have you come back for Mentor Tune-Up Training, a fun and interactive session.

The magic of mentoring lies in the relationship and trust that flourish over time. Therefore, Mentor Me Petaluma hopes that mentors will remain in their mentoring friendships for at least two years. Mentors meet with their mentees once a week for an hour, on school campus, during the school day and during the school year. We understand that flexibility may be necessary from time to time!

Orientation and training will provide information about good mentoring practices. Safety and support for mentors, mentees and families are of utmost importance. Ongoing training and mentor support meetings occur throughout the school year.

It is required by law that all volunteer mentors have a background check, including fingerprinting and a TB test. The Mentor Center Coordinator at your school site will guide you through this process.

Thank you for your commitment to the children and the future of Petaluma! If you have any questions, please call me at the office at 778-4798 or email me at mhartwell@mentormepetaluma.org.

Sincerely,

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