



FAIRFIELD U. MENTOR PROGRAM DONOR INFORMATION FORM

Hello! My name is Jacob Kilgore, founder and director of the Fairfield U. Mentor Program. We are a registered 501c3 non-profit organization based in Huntington, WV.

This program has been in the works for a year now and I am so ecstatic to get started. As you will read below, the purpose of this program is to provide children of the Fairfield community with a medical student mentor. Their mentor will guide them through STEM educational sessions, community service projects, homework, and life. The mentor program is ran in coordination with JCESOM, the AD Lewis Center, and the Fairfield CDC. The mentees will participate in monthly educational activities, community service projects, wellness checks, and ACT/SAT prep courses. We hope that by exposing these underserved children to the program, they will be more interested and ready to pursue a career in a STEM related field. The purpose of this handout is to provide you or your business information about the program, with hopes of obtaining a monetary donation. Monetary donations ensure that mentees obtain their monthly stipend, along with funds for future educational pursuits and events. I hope you or your business are willing to donate to this program, as it is creating future leaders from the Fairfield community. I, along with many others involved in the mentor program, are immensely passionate about the Fairfield community and believe that this program can have a huge impact in many young lives.

LEADERSHIP

Founder and Director- Jacob R. Kilgore, MS4 at JCESOM.

Associate Director- Japri Miller, MS4 at JCESOM

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Executive Committee

Dr. Shelyv Campbell- Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion- JCESOM, MUSOP

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Dr. Jacob T. Kilgore- Pediatric Infectious Disease Physician with Marshall Health.

Rashad Sanders- Executive Director of Fairfield CDC

OVERVIEW

The Fairfield Mentor Program is designed for children aged 12-17 in the Fairfield community to provide mentorship and educational opportunities to participants. Mentees will meet with their mentors at least 2 times a month, given availability of both. There will be various incentives for mentees throughout the year. Participants will meet once monthly for educational sessions, along with once a month to do community service activities. If no community service opportunities are available, participants will meet with their mentor at the AD Lewis Center to discuss academic progress, help with homework, or to simply talk about the mentee's general well-being. Mentees will be required to complete an end of the year project with their mentor to be presented at the year-end ceremony. Furthermore, ACT/SAT prep courses will be offered as well. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate of achievement. As mentees participate in successive years, certificates for multiple-year participants will be awarded. 75% participation and completion of end of year project are required to obtain certificate. The same requirements must be followed to obtain the monthly stipend.

PURPOSE:

- **To build relationships with children in the Fairfield community where the medical school resides, closing the gap that separates the two communities.**
- **To foster community pride into the children of the community and into the students of the medical school.**
- **To expose local children to different STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) pathways, particularly medicine and healthcare professions and let them know that it IS attainable for them and that they CAN do any and everything they put their heart and time into.**
- **To serve as mentors to children in the community and build individualized, personal mentor-mentee relationships.**
- **To follow the mentees and their growth/performance overtime with IRB approved studies**
- **To build successful individuals that will one day give back to their home community of Fairfield, a full circle program.**

INCENTIVE/STIPEND

- Students will be rewarded for their participation in the program. We will provide them a monthly stipend of \$25 in the form of a visa gift card.
- \$75 will be distributed into a bank account we will set up for them. They can access the money in the bank account upon completion of the program. (If the participant does not complete the program, the money in their bank account would still be accessible to them when they turn 18.) This provides them \$100/month split 25-75 between cash-bank deposit respectively.
- The money distributed into the bank account will be used for college or post-high school career training.
- Will work to find scholarship opportunities that are already existent, along with obtaining grants/donations to provide scholarships through the program as well.

Background research and why this program is necessary:

- Diseases that disproportionately affect minority populations—>diabetes, obesity, kidney, liver, urologic diseases, and various cancers. These conditions are correlated with lower socioeconomic status, less education, lower paying jobs, higher levels of unemployment, and less health care coverage found among rural residents. This often further translates into less

access to health care, lower rates of disease screening, and less access to accurate and current health information.

- Boosting the number of underrepresented individuals in science and healthcare is critical to meeting the needs of America's increasingly diverse society, reducing health disparities, and raising cultural competence.
- Studies indicate that underrepresented minority scientists and health care providers are more likely than non-underrepresented providers to care for and understand diseases predominate within underrepresented populations. Studies have also suggested that the health and health care of underrepresented minorities are improved when providers of similar ethnic and racial backgrounds provide the care.
- Exposure of minority HS students to STEM related activities while they are young increases the likelihood of them entering a career in the field.

What will my donation be used for?

- These donations will be used mainly to fund the monthly stipend for the mentees.
- Approximately every \$100 will cover the monthly stipend for the mentee, rewarding them for their participation and community service. Note that 75% of the stipend funds will be put into an account that the mentee can access when they turn 18 for college/career training.
- Donated funds will further be used to fund extracurricular events such as cookouts, end of the year festivals, and various supplies needed to do so.
- Remaining funds will be used to provide scholarship opportunities for participants.
- Large donations will be advertised on our social media pages.

Thank you so much for your willingness to support this program!!

Please make checks payable to "Fairfield U. Mentor Program Corp."

Mail to: 1320 12th St. Apt B2, Huntington, WV 25701

Receipt will be provided for taxes

Arrangements will be made to pick up checks and to supply donors with receipts.

Contact Jacob Kilgore at 304-416-2814 with any questions. Email: kilgore30@marshall.edu

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