

Mentors Needed!

Thank you for your interest in mentoring with the YMCA and Berkeley High School! You can make a difference in your community by supporting students on their road to social and educational success through a college-preparatory program for first-generation college-bound students, or a vocational training program for students with learning differences. We are looking for people who enjoy working with teens, and want to make a difference in their community. Thank you for taking the time to apply to our program!

Mentor Application

Background Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Local Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Fax/Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Level of Education: _____

Languages Spoken: _____ Referral Source: _____

Job History:

Present Occupation: _____ Dates: _____ to _____

Work Days and Hours: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Ext. _____ Name of Supervisor: _____

May we call you at work? _____

If not, why? _____

Downtown Berkeley YMCA staff may be contacting your employer as a reference.

Is there any reason that you would not want us to contact your employer? If yes, please explain. _____

Legal History:

1. Have you ever been arrested? _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Offense	Date	Action

2. Have you ever been investigated for and/or charged with child abuse or neglect? _____
If yes, please explain. _____

3. Have you ever been investigated for and/or charged with crimes against children? _____
If yes, please explain. _____

4. Have you ever been investigated for and/or charged with assault? _____
If yes, please explain. _____

5. Have you ever been investigated for and/or charged with any other offenses? _____
If yes, please explain. _____

6. Have you ever had problems with the use of alcohol or drugs? _____
If yes, please explain. _____

Please take a moment to answer the questions below:

1. Why are you interested in volunteering? Why are you interested in working with teenagers?

2. What would you consider your strengths and weaknesses with regards to working with teenagers?

3. What previous experience, if any, do you have working with youth?

4. What are your activities, hobbies, and interests?

5. How do you identify yourself ethnically or culturally? (Optional) How comfortable are you working with youth from an ethnic or cultural background different than your own?

6. Please list any professional memberships, community organization affiliations, etc.

Additional Comments: _____

Please attach a current resume (optional).

References: Please list the names of three references you have known for at least one year. Include one local reference and your present or previous employer, if applicable. Do not use family members.

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

City, State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business phone: _____

Email address: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

City, State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business phone: _____

Email address: _____

3. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

City, State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business phone: _____

Email address: _____

Statement of Applicant

I have been advised that as a part of the Downtown Berkeley YMCA's effort to attract the highest quality volunteer staff, an extensive inquiry will be made concerning my prior volunteer positions, employment, activities, and character to the extent required by law. I hereby waive any right to claim that any request or investigation is an invasion of my privacy, since they are made with my consent and it is in my interest that I be considered for a volunteer position.

I certify that all statements made by me on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I have withheld nothing that would, if disclosed, affect this application unfavorably. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts would exclude my being considered for volunteer opportunities or, after volunteer work assigned, would be cause for termination of volunteer status with the Downtown Berkeley YMCA.

I understand that the statements I make to Downtown Berkeley YMCA staff will be held confidential within the agency, unless disclosure is required by law. Specifically, I understand that incidents of child abuse or molestation, past or present, or threat of harm to oneself or others are issues that must be reported to proper authorities.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the above statements and that I voluntarily sign this application.

This application and any additional information gathered will remain the property of the Downtown Berkeley YMCA.

Signature of Applicant and Date Signed:

Please note that requirements include:

- Personal interview
- Personal and employment reference check
- DOJ fingerprint check
- Orientation

Completed applications should be returned to:

Teen Office

Downtown Berkeley YMCA

2001 Allston Way

Berkeley, CA 94704

Please call **510-549-4515 ex. 324** or email lslykhous@baymca.org with questions.