

EMERGING LEADERS MENTOR PROGRAM FAQ's

AL!VE is launching a pilot mentor program that will pair up Volunteer Engagement Professionals for a virtual 6-month mentorship.

What is the purpose of our program? AL!VE is dedicated to the professional growth and development of leaders in volunteer engagement. Research shows there are many benefits for both mentors and mentees when participating in a mentor program. The purpose of our mentor program is to provide a platform for AL!VE members to connect, share best practices and position themselves as leaders in the field through ongoing professional development and skills building.

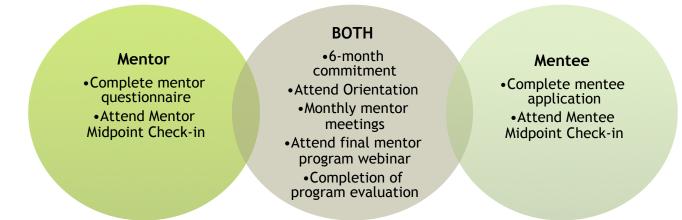


What are the specific goals and outcomes to be accomplished?

- 1. Strengthen competencies for leadership and career development
- 2. Expand professional network throughout industry

What is the criteria to participate in this program?

The criteria to participate in this program is listed below for both mentors and mentees:



It is important that <u>all participants commit to fully participating in this program for the entire six</u> <u>months</u> to ensure those participating get the most benefit out of the program possible.



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How will mentors and mentees be matched?

Prior to being matched, both parties will complete the following paperwork in order to make the best most suitable match for each individual:

MENTOR QUESTIONNAIRE	MENTEE APPLICATION
Mentors will complete a mentor questionnaire	Mentees will complete an application that
the provides the breadth of their experience as	provides their history and background as well
well as the competencies they feel comfortable	what competencies they would like to
in coaching a mentee.	concentrate on strengthening through the
	mentorship program.

After the Mentee Orientation that will finalize goals, a Mentor Orientation will be held with the mentors to match them with a mentee. The Mentee will receive information about their mentor to set up their ongoing sessions.

If there is a concern on either side, AL!VE will work with the individual to address their concern. If either declines to continue with the match, there will not be a replacement and they will have to discontinue participating in the program for this round.

What will a typical mentorship look like?

The best part of this mentorship program is that there will not be a typical type of mentorship! This program is very much tailored around what the mentee wants to learn and the approach the mentor feels most comfortable with helping them to achieve their goals.

Examples of what a mentor can offer include:

Goal Setting	 Helps mentee discover talents and interests and define and attain their goals
Contacts	 Provides valuable opportunities to connect with other career and personal contacts that may help mentee achieve goals
Challenges	 Stiumlates curiosity and exploration around challenges to build confidence and problem-solving abilities
Support	 Encourages reflection and growth by providing an open and non- threatening environment
Advice	 Provides personal experiences or perspective to impart wisdom and knowledge learned over the years for the mentee's advantage
Role Model	 By sharing stories of achievement with mentee, mentors can become role models



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What is the timeline for this program?

The mentor partnership will take place over a six month period of time set by the program facilitators. Mentor and mentee will agree on a time (<u>no more than one hour</u>) to meet via phone or virtually every month for a total of six mentoring sessions. Correspondence between the pair can occur approximately 1-2 hours of time each month with the idea of time tapering as needed.

Below provides a description of items and important dates taking place throughout the mentorship:

EVENT	DESCRIPTION
Mentor Questionnaire	Members interested in becoming mentors must complete a questionnaire about their experience, knowledge and skills.
Mentee Application	Members interested in becoming mentees must complete an application outline their current experience and future goals for development.
Program Orientation	Mentees and mentors will participate in an orientation to discuss goal setting for the program and introductions for potential matches.
Matching	AL!VE program facilitators will pair matches and confirm with both mentor and mentee of match via email.
Mentor Meetings (once per month)	Mentee and mentor connect via phone or video conference once a month over a six-month period.
Mentor/Mentee Midpoint Check-in	Mentors and mentees will attend separate check-ins with AL!VE program facilitators on how match is going and discussion on best practices around mentoring.
Celebration & Closure Webinar	All participants attend a webinar to celebrate successes from the mentorship and officially close out the mentor program.
Final Evaluation Survey	AL!VE will send a final evaluation to participants to collect feedback about their experience participating in the mentor program.

How do I get started?

AL!VE will email all members when the application process is available for both mentors and mentees to apply, along with the detailed timeline for the selection process and program.

NOTE: Mentors may take on more than one mentee if they have availability to do so. Mentees will only have one mentor.

Thank you for your consideration in participating in this program. We look forward to working with you to foster your career growth and development as well as hopefully making this a permanent benefit going forward for AL!VE members!