



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Milton Mentors?

Milton Mentors exists to pair young students with reliable adult and high school mentors. Through its peer to peer and community based initiatives, it builds and strengthens crucial developmental assets by way of showing youth that adults and their community care truly about them. Our Community Based program matches adults to young students, while Milton Mentors Buddies matches upper level high school students with children in grades 3-5. Young mentees may require extra support or just need a friend. Now in its fourth year, Milton Mentors has almost 20 sustaining matches.

Milton Mentors is funded through the Vermont Mentoring Partnership and the Children's Trust Foundation. Milton Mentors Buddies is a partnership of the Milton Community Youth Coalition and Milton Town School District.

Who will my child be matched with?

Milton Mentors Buddies matches upper level (junior and senior) high schoolers with elementary students in grades 3-5. High school volunteers must complete an application and selection form and interview with program staff before taking part. The application includes questions about interests, aspirations, and academics in an effort to match like-minded students with similar interests. Volunteer hours do count towards MHS Service Learning credit, if needed.

What types of activities do pairs do?

Activities are determined by each pair and can include any range of activities including, but not limited to: homework help, playing board games, sports, and building reading skills.

How often and for how long do pairs meet? Is there supervision?

Once per week for a semester, pairs meet. After the initial semester in the relationship, they may choose to continue meeting and completing activities, but it is not required. MCYC and school staff supervise the initial semester meetings – pairs are able to go out into the community after this period.

Who should I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact Katie Miller, Milton Community Youth Coalition's Program Director.

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Mentor Application 2014 - 2015

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Fill out the following application to the best of your ability and return it to the Milton Community Youth Coalition, PO Box 543, Milton, Vermont, 05468, or Ms. Manley at Milton High School. You can also drop it off to us in person at the MCYC offices. Thank you for applying, and we will be in touch soon!

Questions regarding this process? Please contact our Program Director, Katie Miller, at kmiller@miltonyouth.org, or by calling our office at 802-893-1009. This application is available online at www.miltonyouth.org/

Basic Information:

Full Name: _____ Preferred Nickname or Salutation: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Demographics:

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Grade In School: _____

Emergency Contact:

Contact #1 - Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Relation to Applicant: _____

Contact #2 - Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Relation to Applicant: _____

References: Please list *at least three* references whom we may contact in support of your application to become a mentor. One reference must be a school reference who has known you for at least six months unless there are extenuating circumstances. Personal references need to have known you for at least two years.

	Name & Mailing Address	Phone	E-mail	Relationship	Length of Relationship
1					
2					

Application Information:

How did you hear about this program?

Disability and/or Additional Needs: Yes No

Please describe Disability and/or Additional Needs:

Why are you interested in mentoring?

Please list any previous mentoring experience and/or work with youth:

Why do you think you would be a good mentor?

Certifications: CPR First Aid Life Guard

Other (Please Specify) _____

What are your interests and hobbies?

What are your personal goals?

Preferred Age of Youth:

If you speak any other languages (in addition to English), please list below:

Do you have reliable transportation? Yes No

Do you have a driver's license? (Not necessary to be a mentor) Yes No

What is your driver's license number? _____

Do you carry automobile insurance? Yes No

Do you understand the commitment is for at least one semester? Yes No

Additional Information:

Are there pending criminal charges against you?..... Yes No

Have you been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor classified as an offense against a person or family, or an offense of public indecency or a violation involving a state/federally controlled substance?..... Yes No

Have you ever been arraigned for or convicted of child abuse or neglect or of sexually abusing or molesting a youth 18 or younger? Yes No

Have you ever received treatment for alcohol or substance abuse? Yes No

Have you ever been treated or hospitalized for an emotional/psychiatric condition? Yes No

Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that could call into question your being entrusted with working with youth?..... Yes No

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please explain:

Availability

What are the best days of the week for you to mentor? All mentoring activities would take place from 3:30 – 4:30. Place an "X" when available.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Media Release:

I agree to have my photograph or remarks published by Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition in related media pieces, newsletters, web pages or other documentation in support of Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition Yes No

I agree to allow Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition to grant permission to Mobius, Vermont's Mentoring Partnership, to have my photograph or remarks published in related media pieces, newsletters, web pages or other documentation in support of promoting the mentoring cause statewide. Yes No

Application Information Release:

I understand that I have made an application for a volunteer opportunity with Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition and it is not a commitment or promise of a volunteer opportunity by the Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition. I understand that it is in the Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition’s discretion whether to accept me as a mentor and the Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition has no obligation to provide me with a reason for its decision to accept or reject me as a mentor.

I represent and warrant to Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition that all information that I have or will provide to Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition during the selection process, including information on this application and in interviews with Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition, is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that I have and will answer all questions posed by Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition to the best of my knowledge and that I have not and will not withhold any information that would unfavorably affect my application for a volunteer position. I understand that any misrepresentations or omissions by me may be cause for my immediate rejection as an applicant for a volunteer position with Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition or my termination as a volunteer.

I hereby authorize Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition to request and obtain any and all records, documents and information about me from employers, agencies and references included on my application necessary for Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition to evaluate my suitability as a mentor. I understand that Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition will check some or all of the following: my records on the national sex offender registry, the Vermont child abuse and neglect registry, the Vermont criminal conviction search, FBI Fingerprint-based Background Check, and Vermont Motor Vehicles Driver Record Check. I hereby consent to the release of such records, documents, and information to Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition and to Milton Mentors and the Milton Community Youth Coalition’s designated representatives. I release and agree to defend and hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information.

I agree and acknowledge that this information may be disclosed by Milton Mentors and Milton Community Youth Coalition officials to persons involved in the implementation of Milton Mentors activities and programs. I hereby release and agree to defend and indemnify Milton Mentors and Milton Community Youth Coalition, its directors, officers, partners, employees, affiliates, agents, successors, and its designated representative from any and all claims that may result from the use, release and disclosure of such information.

I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THIS "INFORMATION RELEASE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE" AND I HEREBY CONFIRM MY UNDERSTANDING OF ITS CONTENTS AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ABOVE ACTIVITY.

I have read and understood the terms outlined above, and agree to them.

I agree to inform Milton Mentors if any of the information on this application changes or if I’m convicted of a crime (misdemeanor or felony) during the time that I am involved with Milton Mentos.

Signature of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____ **Date:** _____