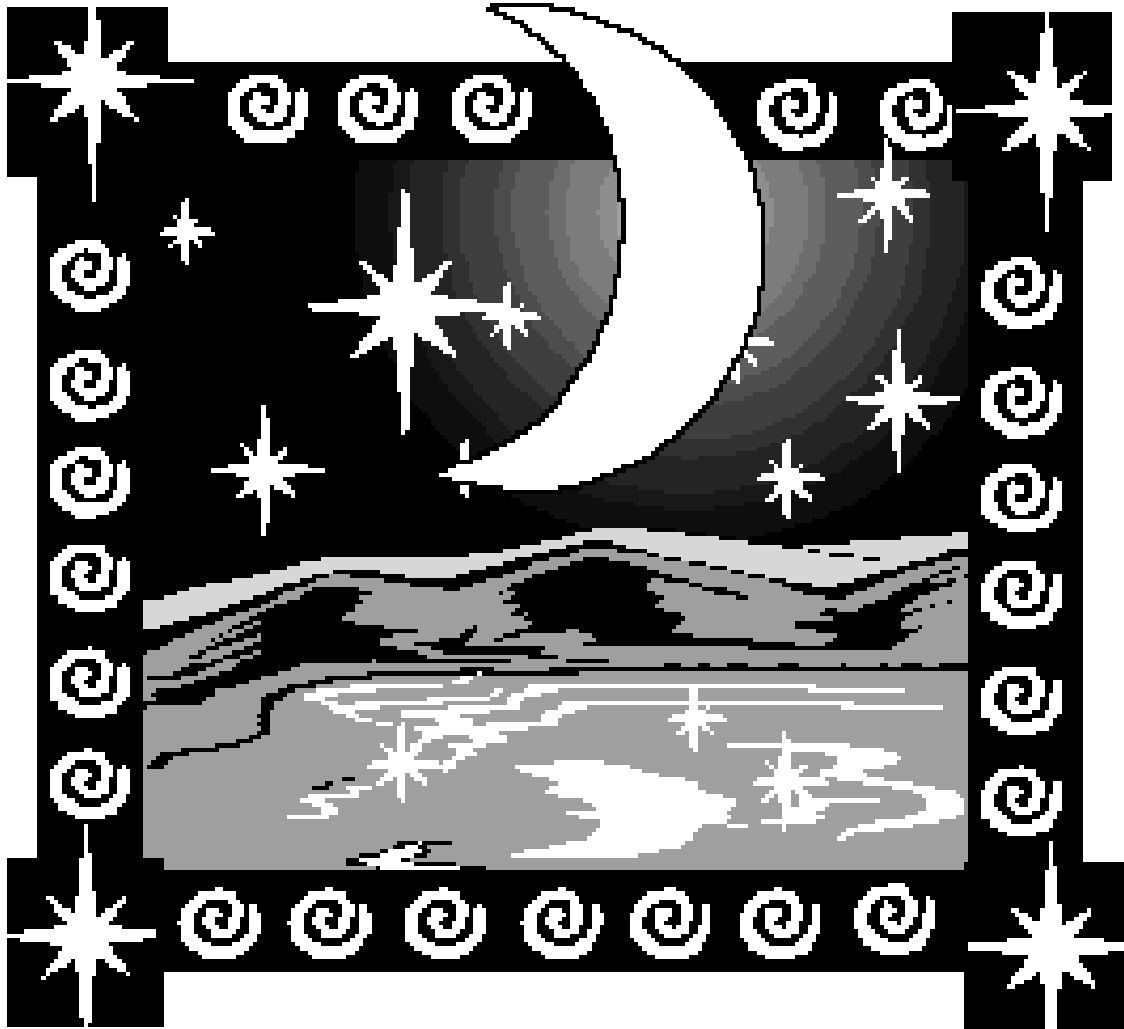


ONTEORA HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY MENTOR PROGRAM APPLICATION



*FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS!*

*2023/2024*

## Onteora High School Community Mentor Program

The Onteora Community Mentor Program is a challenging learning opportunity for students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have a special area of interest that you would like to explore more fully with the help of a community professional, as well as through independent study, then this program may be for you. Past mentorships have included the interest areas of architecture, taxidermy, journalism, politics, fashion design, veterinary medicine, culinary arts, and many more. Almost anything is possible! We will find a mentor, who is just right for you, to help guide your unique learning experience.

Students and mentors meet throughout the semester during after-school hours or on weekends. Students also spend time on their own researching their area of interest. Monthly meetings with the program coordinator and fellow students facilitate the experience. The program culminates in a celebration during which students present complex, polished, authentic projects to a public audience. For your successful participation in the program you will receive **1/2 credit and a grade**.

Selection for participation in the program is based on the following criteria:

- Strength and depth of interest
- Evidence of talent in your chosen area
- Ability to responsibly participate in the program on an independent basis
- Demonstrated capacity to produce high-level work
- Commitment to fulfill all program requirements
- Advanced needs beyond what the regular school curriculum can offer
- Ability to provide your own transportation to and from your mentor's place of work (*sometimes* it is possible to take an Onteora school bus to the mentorship after school, but you would still need your own transportation home from there)

If you would like to apply to the Community Mentor Program:

1. Fill out the Student Questionnaire.
2. Have a parent or guardian sign the Parent Permission Form.
3. Detach the Teacher Recommendation Form, fill out your name and area of interest, and give it to a teacher to complete and return to the Community Mentor Program mailbox of Kay Goldbeck, located in the main office.

4. Bring the completed Student Questionnaire and Parent Permission Form to the main office and ask that they be put in the Community Mentor Program mailbox of Kay Goldbeck, or give the forms to the Guidance Office Secretary or your Guidance Counselor.
5. You will be invited to an interview.

# Onteora High School Community Mentor Program

## STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2023/24 school year \_\_\_\_\_

*Feel free to use the back of this page or type answers on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this one.*

**1. What stimulated your interest in this area?**

**2. This program is designed for students who have already explored an area of interest on their own and exhausted all related school offerings. What activities have you already undertaken to explore this field of interest?**

*(Examples: projects you have completed, books you have read, classes in which you have participated, accomplishments in this area)*

**3. What questions do you have about your area of interest that you hope to explore through the Community Mentor Program?**

*(It is understood that you want to see what a professional in action looks like and that you may wish to discover if the field is something you want to pursue in life. What this question asks is what profound questions you have about your area of interest.)*

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## PARENT PERMISSION FORM

I have discussed the program with my child and have determined that it would be a valuable experience for him/her. I understand that there are various requirements and that deep levels of commitment and motivation are necessary to participate in the program. If my child is unable to provide their own transportation, I am aware of my responsibility to provide transportation for my child to all activities related to the mentorship. (With special arrangements, it *may* be possible for a student to take an Onteora school bus to the mentorship and only require transportation home from there.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child,  
(Print name of parent/guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the Onteora High School  
(Print name of student)

**Community Mentor Program.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*You may use this space to provide us with information or comments relating to a mentorship for your child.*

If you have any questions, please call Kay Goldbeck, Program Coordinator at (845) 679-9212  
or email her at [klgoldbeck@gmail.com](mailto:klgoldbeck@gmail.com)

# Onteora High School Community Mentor Program

## TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Preferably someone who teaches a subject related to your area of interest. For instance, if medicine - then a science teacher, writing - then an English teacher, engineering - then a math or technology teacher.)

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of Interest** \_\_\_\_\_

The above student has applied for participation in the Onteora High School Community Mentor Program. The Mentor Program provides an opportunity for students to pursue an area of interest on an in-depth level with a community member who has expertise in that field. The program requires students to meet with their mentors outside of school hours, pursue independent research, and envision, plan, and complete a high quality, authentic project.

Your recommendation within the following areas will be useful in helping to determine if this program is a good learning match for the student. Please place the appropriate number before each characteristic according to the following scale:

**X** - teacher has not had the opportunity to assess

**1** - student **never** demonstrates this trait

**2** - student **occasionally** demonstrates this trait

**3** - student **consistently** demonstrates this trait

____ Responsible	____ Sets high standards for self	____ Independent
____ Enjoys research	____ Interested in high-level problems	____ Displays curiosity
____ Generates many ideas	____ Motivated	____ Processes new information readily
____ Completes assignments in a timely manner	____ Organized	____ Exerts extended effort on tasks
____ Receptive to new ways of learning	____ Possesses extensive information /talented in area of interest	____ Good communication skills

Please include additional comments on the back of this form or attach a separate sheet.

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT NAME SIGNATURE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO KAY GOLDBECK'S MAILBOX IN THE MAIN OFFICE