



**STAND WITH STUDENTS**

tnAchieves stands with students across the state by providing comprehensive support, paired with a last-dollar scholarship, to guide them through the college-going process. Volunteer mentors serve as a critical support for students who often need a little extra help in navigating the path to college, career and beyond.

## What is the job of a tnAchieves mentor?

tnAchieves mentoring is for anyone interested in supporting Tennessee’s next generation of college students. Mentors are expected to help students in their community navigate the transition from high school into a post-secondary institution successfully and inspire them to achieve their goals.

### Roles of a Mentor

Each mentor is asked to serve three critical roles for their students:

#### Task Manager

Ensure students are on track to meet key post-secondary deadlines and milestones.

#### Resource

Answer questions as students navigate the college process.

#### Encourager

Be the person who says “We can do this together!”

### Time Commitment

Designed as a low time-commitment, high-impact experience, mentors commit **one hour per month** to supporting a group of 8-10 students. Mentors attend one in-person meeting in December or January and then connect via text or phone bi-weekly through September of 2024.

## What Can Mentors Expect?

- **By October 20, 2023**  
Register at [tnAchieves.org/mentors](https://tnAchieves.org/mentors).
- **By November 4, 2023**  
Complete tnAchieves mentor training.
- **November 2023**  
Receive list of TN Promise students and mentor handbook.
- **December 2023-January 2024**  
Attend mandatory TN Promise meeting with assigned students.
- **February-May 2024**  
Reconnect with students and ensure they file the 2024-2025 FAFSA.
- **May-August 2024**  
Remind students to submit 8 hours of community service by July 1 and ensure successful college enrollment.
- **Ongoing**  
Reach out to students bi-weekly to maintain a connection.

## How tnAchieves Supports Mentors

tnAchieves provides comprehensive mentoring supports, including:

- 45-minute Virtual Training
- tnAchieves Mentor Handbook
- Weekly emails that outline mentor and student action items, progress updates and resources.
- Monthly Mentor Training Webinars on subjects including:
  - Staying in Contact with tnAchieves Students
  - Filing the FAFSA
  - Aligning Career Goals with College Choice
  - Celebrating Student Success
  - Preparing for College
  - And more!
- Constant access to the tnAchieves Team