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Dear Prospective Mentor,

You have made the first step in making a difference in the life of a Chicago youth by inquiring about the mentor program at HFS Chicago Scholars. If you can find a few hours a month to help a Chicago child with a dream, you are in the right place. Since 1992, the award-winning HFS Chicago Scholars (HFS) has helped young men and women in high school achieve their educational aspirations. HFS, which began as a concept to help one economically disadvantaged and academically motivated 13-year old girl, has grown into one of the largest scholarship organizations in the city of Chicago. We assist over 50 scholars of all ages to attend some of Chicago's finest private high schools.

HFS provides partial high school scholarships for academically motivated yet economically disadvantaged young men and women. Each year prospective candidates (eighth graders) go through a rigorous and lengthy application and interview process to be considered. Students are chosen by HFS based on their academic performance, non-academic activities and, of course, financial need. A select few applicants meet the difficult requirements necessary to receive a scholarship.

An important part of the HFS Chicago Scholars program is providing motivated scholars a role model to support them through their high school years... in fact, it is a requirement of the program that scholars have a mentor. Keep in mind that your efforts make a **direct** impact on a young adult's life.

We would like you to consider becoming a mentor for the coming school year. Please complete the attached application and return via fax (312-421-4071) or email (bparker@hfschicagoscholars.com). You can also pass the application on to a friend or co-worker who may be interested in participating. **Several of our current mentors have joined HFS because of a recommendation of a close friend or co-worker.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at 312-421-4070.

Thank you in advance. We hope that you will consider helping our dynamic scholars.



Brian R. Parker,  
Executive Director



### Mentor Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender\*: Male Female

\* (we pair same gender mentors and scholars)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (include apt. #): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I give HFS Chicago Scholars authorization to perform a background check as a condition of becoming a Mentor for HFS Chicago Scholar:  Yes  No

Please provide two references:

**Reference #1:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal or Professional \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #2:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal or Professional \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the application process, the Fund's staff conducts a 20-30 minute phone interview with all prospective mentors. Please select from the following available dates:.

- Monday (July 10)
- Wednesday (July 12)
- Friday (July 14)
- Tuesday (July 25)
- Thursday (July 27)
- Saturday (July 29)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Mentor Application**

Previous Volunteer experience:

Who introduced you to the HFS Chicago Scholars Fund?

Where did you attend high school and college (indicate major)?

Why are you interested in being a mentor for the HFS Chicago Scholars Fund?

Other than minor traffic offenses, have you ever been convicted of a crime that is reportable under Federal and/or State Law?

**Yes**     **No**

NOTE: Under Illinois Public Act 93-0211, you are not required to disclose sealed or expunged records.