



About Us

CCYDC's mentorship program is unlike any other. One of the many things that make us unique is that this is a long-term mentoring opportunity for high school girls in Leon, Gadsden, and the surrounding communities. While we don't meet every day or every week, our team is committed to staying with our girls for the duration of their high school experience until they enter college or trade school. No worries, providing access to events, workshops, podcasts, girl circles, and a host of other fun and engaging activities, our goal is to propel girls forward! Therefore, education and service are crucial parts of this three-to-four-year mentorship program. We absolutely check on their academic and social progress in school while also providing strategic mentorship to ensure that girls are working towards their own goals for their future. With our mentorship program you can expect:

- A fully supportive community of successful, supportive women and men throughout Florida and the United States to serve as guides and thought partners.
- A safe space for young women to learn, innovate, express, and create the future that they envision for themselves through coaching, mentoring, community service and other prosocial activities.
- That parents are not excluded from this work. We will always let you know about the progress, needs, and successes of your child.

Our founder, *Paula DeBoles-Johnson* believes in girls! For years she has dedicated her life and personal resources to ensuring that young women's voices are acknowledged and their vision for their lives are fulfilled. She firmly believes that feminine voices and dreams are a crucial part of our community's success and must be cultivated and supported. This is why she offers this program to a select cohort of young women every four years. The opportunity is confidential and while you've seen many of her former

mentees around the Capital City and throughout Florida, all successful and doing incredible things, you will never see them identified through our work. The only models that we hold up as examples are our own highly successful changemakers, [Zemoria](#) and [Zenani](#). Yes, this work absolutely starts at home, but our work is about supporting youth in *their* dreams, not using their individual successes to market or build our brand.

What to Expect

This is a very competitive process. Applications are reviewed and vetted first by our board. Afterwards our Executive Director makes the final determination of which mentees will be invited to interview. Interviews are the final phase of the process. After acceptance, there are follow-up phone calls and contracts with parents/guardians explaining the requirements of the program.

- There are no costs to participate, and all program fees, materials and supplies are provided; however, there may be small fees associated with some of the activities.
- A schedule of activities will be provided for each quarter of activities. Some activities are virtual, but most require in-person attendance.
- Potential mentees may be rising 8th graders, however no one beyond their sophomore year may participate in this opportunity.
- Activities include workshops, game nights, social activities, podcasts, 1:1 mentorship, and community service opportunities (all community service activities may be counted towards the Bright Futures and graduation service hour requirements).
- **Application deadline is midnight Wednesday, February 8th.**



Application for Acceptance

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

School / Grade: _____

Do you have a GPA of 2.5 or higher? YES NO If not, what is your GPA? _____

Are you involved in any clubs or school activities? YES NO If yes, list them?

Are you involved in activities **outside** of school? YES NO

If yes, list them: _____

References

Please list three personal or professional references.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Company/Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Email: _____

Employment / Service

Do you currently have a job?

YES NO

If yes, how many hours per week?

Do you have other responsibilities that require your time during the week besides homework? (i.e., Volunteer Work, helping with siblings, caregiving, etc.?)

YES NO

If yes, explain and include the number of hours.

Attestations

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Yes, I can commit!

Continue to the next section.

No, I cannot.

Thank you for your consideration. This program may not be the best fit for you at this time.

At CCYDC we understand that each person's journey is unique. In this section we want to get to know a little bit more about you, and the vision that you have for your life. Below share your thoughts regarding the prompts below. Include as much or as little information as you feel comfortable sharing.

Please describe an area that you are truly passionate about. Also share, how are you pursuing this passion area?

What is your vision for the world around you? Do you have plans to fulfill this vision? If so, how do you propose to do so?

Tell us something about yourself that others may not know?

Finally, tell us how you would like to benefit from this program if you were accepted?

Required Documents:

- Please attach a copy of your most recent report card.
- Include all social media handles below.

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

TikTok: _____

LinkedIn: _____

Other(s): _____

Other(s): _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in the voiding of my application or my release from the program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or _____

Guardian _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application is invalid without the signature of the parent or guardian.

Email applications to: ccydcdirector@gmail.com by February 8th.