

Our Scholars aspire to attend college, but lack the financial, academic and social resources to get there. Sponsor-A-Scholar provides tutoring, mentoring and financial assistance that changes the lives of the students we support.



Scholars promise to:

- Attend all classes, events and weekly homework sessions.
- Take academically challenging coursework.
- Participate in enrichment activities, including community service.
- Work with an adult mentor who will help them overcome challenges in high school and college.
- Ask for help when they need it.



Mentors promise to:

- Meet students at least once per month.
- Stay in regular contact with students by text, phone and email.
- Offer non-judgmental support.
- Help to broaden students' worldview by offering opportunities to attend events, explore places and research colleges and careers.
- Ask for help when they need it.

Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar is a 501(c)3 organization, supported entirely by tax-deductible donations from individuals, businesses and foundations.

Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar provides the opportunity to change the life of a promising student in Albany, Troy or Schenectady High School.



“Sponsor-A-Scholar gave me confidence and helped me graduate high school. I always knew someone was there for me.”

Darlene Senat

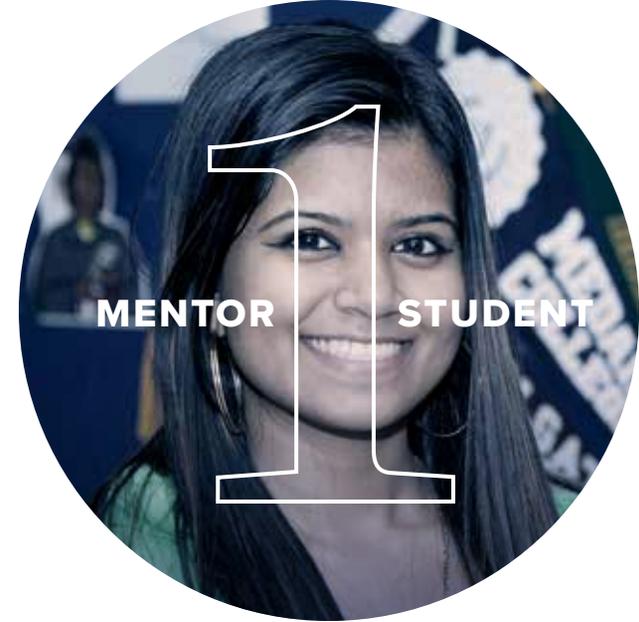
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Do you communicate well with others? Enjoy theater, sports, nature or music? Like to have fun? Enjoy giving back to the community? You have what it takes to be a mentor!
Call 518-935-1045 or apply online at www.crsas.org.

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Aspire. Access. Achieve.

Our Mission

Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar inspires and empowers promising students to succeed in high school, college and life.

A caring and committed adult can make a significant difference in the life of a student, increasing his or her chance of graduating from high school, completing college and becoming economically self-sufficient.



What it means to be a Sponsor-A-Scholar Mentor

A mentor is a supportive college-educated adult who serves as a role model, advocate and cheerleader to one college-bound high school student. A mentor opens doors to new social, cultural and educational experiences and provides professional networks for a student.

Each mentor is matched with an individual Sponsor-A-Scholar student and asked to commit to that student through, at least, the critical first year of college. Mentors are an integral part of our students' success.

What it takes to be a Sponsor-A-Scholar Mentor

COMMITMENT

Mentors make a long-term commitment to their students. Mentors are matched with students in 10th grade and work with them through the first year of college.

CONSISTENCY

Mentors communicate with their students regularly and see their students at least monthly. Mentors and their students might go to sporting events, cultural venues, restaurants and museums. They sometimes visit colleges, study for the SAT together or simply sit and talk.

A GENEROUS SPIRIT

Mentors provide opportunities. They help students create a vision for their future. Mentors are willing to make a place in their lives for their students. They listen, guide and inspire.

We are here to support you

Each mentor and student is carefully and thoughtfully matched. Once you are matched with a student, the Sponsor-A-Scholar staff is with you every step of the way. You will receive training and a comprehensive Mentor Handbook specifically designed for Sponsor-A-Scholar mentors. We are always available to answer any questions or listen to your comments or suggestions.



“Mentoring through Sponsor-A-Scholar has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I encourage everyone to become a mentor. Not only are you helping someone else, but you can also bring joy and a sense of fulfillment into your own life.”

Matthew Smalls

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