



Ideas for Getting Started and Developing Your Relationship

(Adapted from The Mentoring Center materials.)

Get on the computer together to explore the college website. Learn together how to find resources

How would your Scholar like to use the scholarship money -- for what and when?

What interests/hobbies do you share?

Talk about purpose – what is your Scholar’s big goal? Talk about how to get there – how to work on small manageable goals. Youth who have a strong sense of purpose are far likelier to succeed than those who have a vague desire to succeed.

Encourage your Scholar to join on campus clubs – get involved. Brainstorm clubs to join.

Share favorite books.

Do a service project together – see www.onebrick.org or www.handsonbayarea.org for ideas

Share your career experiences. How did you get to where you are today?

Be active – go for walks, bike rides. Do a pottery painting or beading activity.

Help with school work.

Discuss health, exercise and healthy habits.

Teach how to give a good handshake. Discuss other etiquette and social graces that make interactions with adults/peers more successful

Plan for a sound financial future. Discuss opening savings and checking accounts and the concept of good credit and the meaning of credit cards.

Plan for future careers. Conduct mock interviews for a job, read the want ads, discuss dress codes and fill out a sample job application. Take a career interest inventory. Discuss entry-level positions. Explore careers over the Internet.

Remember your Scholar on his or her birthday with a card.

Exchange favorite recipes. Cook a meal together.

Bring a scrapbook or photo album from home and share photos of your family, travels and pets.

Help your Scholar to design a unique and original calling or business card.

Help your Scholar get organized. Encourage awareness and practice of time management.

Share your dreams.