

# SHARING YOUR MENTORING STORY

Want to share your mentoring story but not sure where to start?  
There is no right way to write a story, but here are tips that can help.

*Sample Structure:*

## GENERAL PUBLIC/STUDENTS/YOUNG PEOPLE

### Introduction:

- Introduce yourself. Who are you? Be sure to share what makes you a mentor/mentee.
- Describe how you met
- Detail what circumstances brought you together

### Body:

- Share activities you do together
- Share examples of memorable moments you've shared together
- Detail what has been the most rewarding part of the relationship
- Describe what challenges you've faced and overcome together

### Close:

- Share what you admire most about your mentor/mentee
- Share in-depth what you've learned from your mentor/mentee
- Describe how this relationship has surprised or changed you in a positive way

## MENTOR AFFILIATES

### Intro:

- Describe your organization and the current landscape (community) in which it exists?
- Describe who you are and your role within the organization?
- Describe the program you worked with

### Body:

- Detail how the program has benefited from MENTOR training or collaboration with the MENTOR Affiliate.
- What mentoring initiatives have best benefited the community?
- Detail how has advocacy played a role in advancing the mentoring relationship
- Describe how staff have played a role in advancing the mentoring relationship/s?

### Close:

- Share the final outcome of the program/work
- What was learned from the work?
- Give shout outs. Name who played a role in this work.



## *Sample Prompt Questions:*

### **GENERAL PUBLIC**

- Have you had a mentor positively impact your life?
- Are you in a mentoring program? If so, detail what factors led you to joining?
- What was your experience like meeting your mentor/mentee for the first time?
- How have you had an opportunity to mentor a young person and give back?
- What qualities or traits did your mentor exhibit that made them a good mentor?
- What did you learn from your mentor as a mentee?
- What do you specifically search for, before asking someone to become your mentor?
- What do you hope to gain for the mentoring relationship?

### **MENTOR AFFILIATES**

- How has the National Mentoring Resource Center aided in building mentoring relationships?
- How has the Effective Practice for Mentoring™ (EPM) provided assistance to mentoring programs?
- What MENTOR trainings have provided the most assistance?
- What's an example of MENTOR National and a MENTOR Affiliate working together for impactful mentoring?
- How has your Affiliate helped to build strong mentoring relationships?
- As a MENTOR Affiliate leader, how has your perspective on mentoring changed since you've been at the organization?
- Why is it important to have a quality and quantity of mentoring?
- What events have contributed to the success of meeting your organizational mentoring goals?

### **STUDENTS**

- What mentor/mentee relationships have created a positive difference on campus?
- Who do you view as a mentor on campus? What makes them an effective mentor?
- Has community service played a role in growing your mentor/mentee relationship?
- How have you used your voice to advocate for high quality mentoring?
- Over the course of the school year, is there any adult that has helped you to grow and develop?

### **YOUNG PEOPLE**

- Outside of your parents, which caring adults have you built a strong positive relationship with?
- Has a teacher or a member of the school staff went above and beyond to help you in a time of need?