



## Application Checklist

- Have you completed the student application form?
- Have you pre-selected your three mentorship choices and indicated them, by number, on the student application?
- Have you included a photograph of yourself? (helpful for us though not required)
- Have you signed the student application? Has a parent or guardian signed and endorsed your application?
- Have you requested a current transcript from your guidance counselor and included it with your application package?
- Have you included your essays?
- Have you included two teacher recommendations?
- Have you included copies of your PSAT or SAT scores (if applicable)?
- Have you attached the Financial Aid Application (if applicable)?

Deadline: April 24, 2009 (postmarked)

# UConn MENTOR CONNECTION

## 2009 Student Application

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Please read the instructions, listed by steps, below. When all steps are complete, mail the entire package to the address listed at the bottom of this page.

### Step 1

Write an essay to respond to each of the following three topics, using 1 page for each essay. Please type your answers, double-spaced, on 8.5" by 11" paper. Please put your name at the top of each page.

1. Task Commitment

Task commitment refers to your ability to initiate work and persevere in spite of problems or obstacles. Think about your own task commitment and identify a project, activity, or assignment that required your initiative and perseverance. Tell about the project, explain how you initiated the work, describe the obstacles you faced, and explain how you overcame the difficulties.

2. Goals

Goals refer to intentions we create for ourselves. Write about the most important goal you have. What have you done recently to move closer to accomplishing your goal? How do you think that participating in your chosen site will further your goal?

3. Personal

Why do you wish to participate in your first choice mentorship site? What experiences do you have in this area of study? What will you contribute to this mentorship site?

### Step 2

Complete the application form. Make sure you complete all items, including your signature and the endorsement by a parent or guardian. Please include a photograph of yourself.

### Step 3

Request a high school transcript from your guidance counselor. Include the transcript with your application packet. Also include copies of your SAT or PSAT scores, if applicable.

### Step 4

Ask two teachers to provide us with a recommendation. Forms are provided in this booklet.

### Step 5

Mail all your material to: Selection Committee, UConn Mentor Connection, University of Connecticut, 2131 Hillside Road, Unit 3007, Storrs, CT 06269-3007. Phone: (860) 486-0283. Fax: (860) 486-2900. E-mail: [mentorconnection@uconn.edu](mailto:mentorconnection@uconn.edu)

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2009 Student Application - Due April 24th (postmarked)

This application to UConn Mentor Connection is intended for highly motivated and talented rising high school juniors and seniors. All information provided will be treated as confidential and used solely for selection purposes by the staff of UConn Mentor Connection. Please print or type.

1. Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

2. Birth Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 3. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Sex:  M  F 5. Current Grade  10  11

6. Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Box, Number, Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip 7. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Home Telephone

8. Ethnicity (optional; used for reporting purposes only):  
 Asian or Pacific Islander  Native American  African-American or Black (Caribbean, West African, etc.)  
 Latino/a or Hispanic  White, Non-Hispanic  Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Guardian or Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Guardian or Parent Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Applicant's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

12. High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Applicant's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

14. High School Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Guidance Counselor E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Guidance Counselor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

17. I have read the mentorship choices listed on the pages enclosed with this brochure. My preferences, by number, are listed below:  
First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Commitment

I understand that participation in UConn Mentor Connection will require a commitment from me for three full weeks, July 13-31, 2009. I also commit myself fully to challenging work and sustaining interest in my pre-selected mentorship area.

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

## Adult Endorsement

I have read \_\_\_\_\_ 's application, and it is completed with my approval.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# UConn Mentor Connection 2009 Academic Reference Form

## To the applicant:

Please print your name and email address below and give this form to a teacher or counselor who is familiar with you and your work. He or she may either mail this directly to us (Selection Committee, UConn Mentor Connection, 2131 Hillside Road, Unit 3007, Storrs, CT 06269) or return it to you for inclusion in your application packet.

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Teacher/Counselor Name

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School/Title

## To the teacher or counselor:

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How long have you known this student and in what context?

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Please consider this student relative to other students with whom you have worked. For each item, please indicate how you would evaluate this student.

	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Evaluate
1 Academic motivation					
2 Intellectual level					
3 Disciplined work habits					
4 Potential for growth					
5 Task commitment					
6 Creativity					
7 Oral expression of ideas					
8 Social maturity					
9 Independence					

1. What are this student's intellectual and/or creative strengths?

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2. Briefly, describe what you have observed of the student's interpersonal skills with both peers and adults.

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3. Please comment on the student's motivation for engaging in challenging, intellectual work.

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Additional Comments:

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A limited number of need-based full or partial scholarships are available for the 2009 UConn Mentor Connection program. Please note that awards will be made based upon need, not merit. To request scholarship assistance, parents or guardians should:

1. Complete this form and submit it with the candidate's completed application.
2. Be sure that we receive the completed application by April 24, 2009. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Notification of financial assistance will be sent with notification of acceptance into the summer program or shortly thereafter, but prior to the tuition due date.
3. Please include a copy of your 2008 federal tax return.

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Please type or print.

1. Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mother/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mother/Guardian Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mother/Guardian Highest Level of Education : \_\_\_\_\_
5. Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Father/Guardian Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Father/Guardian Highest Level of Education: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Number of children living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Annual family income: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Please use the rest of this page and the back, if necessary, to describe in detail the need for a scholarship.

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