



Who is eligible?

Youth who are being mentored or interested in having a mentor and have been involved in bullying, violent or aggressive behavior, or who are at risk of joining gangs. However, other students may also be considered for these scholarships.

What is it?

Having even just one caring adult in a youth's life can be a powerful intervention on its own, but many children and youth could also benefit from the self-regulation, respectfulness, calmness and self-confidence that can be obtained from traditional martial arts training.

A small number of scholarships will be presented to students in the SFUSD Mentoring for Success program to take martial arts classes with their mentors or with the support of their mentors. The match will choose their own martial arts school. The scholarships will pay for one year of classes. This can also be a great way of strengthening the mentoring bond and keeping the relationship active over the summer.

Do the scholarships pay for the mentor's classes as well?

Unfortunately the scholarships are only for the students' classes. We hope that many of the mentors will also take martial arts classes, but this is not a stipulation. Mentors, however, should be able to accompany their mentees to the classes.

What if a student is identified but does not yet have a mentor?

Martial artists will be recruited to participate in Mentoring for Success to share this experience with students that do not already have a mentor. Students must be interested in having a mentor and be able to gain guardian consent for participation.

How do you apply?

The mentor and student must write a paragraph or two about the mentee and include input from the student about what interests you both about this opportunity. Email the paragraph to farrelle@sfusd.edu or through interdistrict mail, to Erin Farrell, Student Support Services Dept., 1515 Quintara St. *Deadline for requests is April 8, 2011*