AYP Ambassador Volunteer Mentor – Role Description

Position Title: Volunteer Mentor
Time Commitment: ~one 90-minute session per month for 10 months
Location: Virtual
Compensation: Voluntary (Unpaid)
Application Window: Early February 2026

About the AYP Ambassador Program

The Authentic Youth Partnership (AYP) approach under the Global Opportunity Youth Network (GOYN) that champions youth-led systems change by placing Opportunity Youth at the center of decision-making, strategy, and storytelling. The AYP movement is rooted in the belief that meaningful youth participation requires more than inclusion—it requires shared power, mutual accountability, and youth leadership at every level of change.

AYP Ambassadors are dynamic youth leaders selected from GOYN communities who serve as co-creators, connectors, and catalysts within the AYP ecosystem. Ambassadors amplify youth voice, co-lead community-based initiatives, and engage with global peers to advance authentic youth partnership principles.

Purpose of the Mentor Role

To support the success of the AYP Ambassadors, GOYN is recruiting a cohort of volunteer mentors to serve as trusted coaches, sounding boards, and professional development allies. This mentorship is not only about supporting youth, rather it is a reciprocal opportunity to co-learn, co-create, and model the kind of intergenerational partnerships that GOYN believes are essential to driving long-term, systemic change.

Mentor Responsibilities

- Commit to one structured session per month (virtual, ~60 minutes) with an assigned AYP Ambassador over a 10-month period (starting March 2026).
- Provide coaching and guidance on topics such as public speaking, systems change, advocacy, stakeholder engagement, personal and professional growth, and wellbeing.
- Share insights and experiences to support the Ambassador's development as a leader and advocate.
- Encourage goal setting and reflection, helping Ambassadors design and track their individual leadership learning plans.
- Offer exposure to networks, opportunities, and professional tools aligned with the Ambassador's interests and aspirations.
- Participate in a mentor orientation and onboarding session facilitated by GOYN.
- Share key learnings and reflections with GOYN for broader dissemination through storytelling and media channels.

Preferred Qualifications

- Passion for youth-led change and social impact

- Professional experience in one or more of the following areas: advocacy, economic inclusion, entrepreneurship, youth development, public policy, systems change, philanthropy, community organizing, or corporate social responsibility
- A belief in equitable partnerships between youth and adults; openness to mutual learning
- Strong listening, coaching, and storytelling skills
- Experience working in multicultural, international, or community-based contexts
- Familiarity with GOYN or similar youth-centered initiatives

What Mentors Will Gain

- The opportunity to contribute to a transformative youth-led movement
- A learning partnership with a passionate, mission-driven young leader
- Recognition in GOYN media channels
- A chance to help shape the next generation and influence how global systems view youth leadership