Blossom Mentoring Program Guidelines & Expectations

Believe! Blossom! Soar!

Welcome to the Blossom Mentoring Program! We're excited to have your child join a caring, supportive, and empowering community designed to help girls **Believe, Blossom & Soar**.
These guidelines outline what families can expect from the program — and what we ask in return to ensure every mentee has a positive, meaningful experience.

1. Program Overview

The Blossom Mentoring Program is a structured mentoring experience for girls ages 8–17 designed to promote leadership, social-emotional development, academic confidence, and healthy lifestyle choices.
Programming for the **2025–2026 session will run from December 2025 through June 2026**.

2. Attendance and Commitment

The Blossom Mentoring Program is a **commitment-based experience** designed for consistent participation and personal growth.

To remain in good standing, mentees must:

- Attend at least **80% of scheduled mentoring sessions and activities**.
- Communicate in advance if they are unable to attend a session.
- Participate actively in both one-on-one and group mentoring sessions.

Parents/guardians must:

- Respond promptly to **emails, texts, or phone calls** from program staff or mentors.
- **RSVP** to events or meetings when requested.

- Communicate proactively about scheduling conflicts, transportation challenges, or other barriers to participation.

If there is **no communication after three (3) outreach attempts**, the mentee may be **removed from the program** to allow another participant to fill the space.

3. Registration Fee and Scholarships

- A **$35 non-refundable registration fee** is required at the time of enrollment.
- This fee covers program materials such as the mentee t-shirt, journal, workbook, and handouts.
- Payment of this fee does not guarantee placement if registration requirements are not met; however, ineligible registrants will be refunded in full.
- **Scholarships are available** to assist families with program fees based on financial need and available funding. Families interested in applying may complete the online application at www.bernadetteshouse.org/scholarship-form.html.

4. Program Fees and Fundraising

- While many Blossom Mentoring activities are provided **at low cost or free of charge**, some special programs, workshops, or events may include a **small participation fee** to help cover materials or venue costs.
- Bernadette's House strives to **keep programs affordable** through sponsorships, community support, and fundraising efforts.
- Mentees will have opportunities to participate in **fundraising campaigns** throughout the year to help sustain the program and keep future activities low-cost or complimentary.
- Participation in fundraising is **strongly encouraged** as part of the Blossom Mentoring community's shared responsibility to support one another and give back.

5. Code of Conduct

- All participants are expected to demonstrate respect, kindness, and cooperation toward mentors, staff, and peers.
- Bullying, discrimination, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the program.
- Mentees are encouraged to show up with a positive attitude, an open mind, and a willingness to learn and grow.

6. Communication

- Bernadette's House communicates primarily by email and text message.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for checking messages regularly and replying when contact is requested.
- After registration, families will receive an email with **Mentee Orientation details** and the program calendar.

7. Media and Photography Release

- Photos and videos may be taken during program activities for use in newsletters, social media, websites, and promotional materials.
- By registering, you grant Bernadette's House permission to use your child's image unless you submit a written opt-out request to **info@bernadetteshouse.org** prior to program start.

8. Liability Release

By registering, the parent/guardian releases Bernadette's House, Inc., its staff, volunteers, and partners from liability for any injuries, losses, or damages that may occur during supervised program activities.
Parents/guardians understand that transportation to and from program locations is their responsibility unless otherwise stated.

9. Program Adjustments

Bernadette's House reserves the right to modify program dates, locations, or content as needed. Any changes will be communicated in advance via email and social media updates.

10. Acknowledgment of Guidelines

By checking the box on the registration form, you confirm that you have **read, understood, and agree** to the Blossom Mentoring Program Guidelines & Expectations.