



I wish there was a program where I could get out and explore my environment...

I would take trips and learn about my local environmental issues...

I could look closely at a problem with my own eyes...

I could get a Mentor who would help me understand the issue and conduct experiments and research on it...

Then I could really make a difference by spreading my message to my community and gain a friend!

## WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTORS?

EnvironMentors is a mentoring program that helps students prepare for college and a career in science or the environment. Over the course of the school year, students work with mentors to develop rigorous research projects, conduct their own experiments, and collect data on relevant issues in their communities. Upon completion of their projects, they present their findings at several science fairs where they have a chance to win substantial scholarships.

## WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF IT?

- A **Mentor** who will help you on your project and assist you plan your future.
- **Networking opportunities** with your mentors who are local professionals, with other experts in your chosen field, and with leaders of local universities.
- **Scholarships** for top placing projects at local and national science competitions.
- **Skills**— including research, scientific methodology, and communication—that will aid you in your future career.

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## WHERE WILL YOU GO WITH ENVIRONMENTORS?

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- Camping and kayaking trips to study the water quality of local waterways.
- Weekend trip to explore marine ecosystems with the Marine Science Consortium.
- Excursions to local facilities such as the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant to see the dynamics of our local environment.
- Trips to local research facilities to examine how professionals conduct research in their respective fields.



## WHAT WILL YOU ACCOMPLISH WITH ENVIRONMENTORS?

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You will become great at:

- Professional communication.
- Scientific research.
- Project design.
- Conducting interviews
- Networking with professionals and college officials.
- Discussing environmental, social, and other scientific issues.
- Learning about colleges, careers, and programs in areas that interest you.



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