



The *Arrupe Explorers Mentoring Program* provides an opportunity for high school students to serve as positive role models and leaders to children who are currently in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and who live in an ‘at-risk’ environment on the near west side of Cleveland. Arrupe Explorers is a program that seeks to connect these children to opportunities and knowledge in the hopes that they have the tools to realize their personal future goals with confidence. This year high school students will continue to act as small group leaders and personal mentors, while building relationships with children. High school mentors will play a special role in supporting the children in goal-setting and decision-making in regards to their future careers and life choices. At minimum, volunteer mentors are required to attend weekly after-school meetings virtually, every Thursday throughout the academic year or semester in which you are a small group leader.

*Please make sure that you are available EVERY THURSDAY (except during holiday breaks) from September 17<sup>th</sup> through our closing event in May 2021.*

**PLEASE CHECK ONE**

Full Year Commitment     1st Semester Commitment     2nd Semester Commitment

**APPLICATION DUE BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT!)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID# \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (Include City/Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT ANSWER**

Please respond to the following prompts as honestly and openly as you can. These responses will not only help us to get to know you and your motivations; but should you be invited to join the program, your answers will help us to make the most appropriate match possible. Please make sure to STAPLE your TYPED responses to this application.

1. Extracurricular Activities

Besides schoolwork, list what you do with your free time in the space below.  
(include work, sports, clubs, activities, etc....)

2. Family Relationships

Name 2 memories or experiences you had as a young person growing up in your family.  
Briefly explain your current relationships with family members.

3. Personal Goals

What are your career interests at this point in your life? Do you see yourself attending college? How do you picture yourself next year? In 5 years? In 10 years?

4. Experience/Interests

Describe your experience working with 7th and 8th graders. Do you have Arrupe or other service experience with children? Describe your role and the talents you shared.

5. As you may know, all Arrupe Programs encourage volunteers to consider how their experience might be one of faith. Knowing this, discuss in what ways being a mentor might allow you to grow in your faith.

## PERSONAL INTERVIEW

In order to complete your application, we ask each applicant (including returning AXers) to participate in a 15-20 minute interview with one or two members of the Arrupe Program Staff. Please check all dates that you would be available for an interview. Once all applications have been received, we will contact you by phone or email to schedule a specific interview time on one of the dates that you indicated.

September 10th during school (please specify your free period or asynchronous time):\_\_\_\_\_

September 10th via Zoom (please specify time available) \_\_\_\_\_

September 11th during school (please specify your free period or asynchronous time):\_\_\_\_\_

September 11th via Zoom (please specify time available) \_\_\_\_\_

September 14th during school (please specify your free period or asynchronous time):\_\_\_\_\_

September 14th via Zoom (please specify time available) \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are not available during one of these times, please contact Mr. Pat Valletta at [pvalletta@ignatius.edu](mailto:pvalletta@ignatius.edu) to arrange for a specific interview time.

## Parent Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITMENT

Please check the box after reading and agreeing to the statement:

I understand that this program is a year-long/semester commitment. I am available to participate every Wednesday.

Thank you for taking time to apply to the Arrupe Explorers Mentoring Program. The parent and student signatures provided below indicate an understanding of the commitment involved with this program. Calls or emails of acceptance will be made to the phone number or email you listed under personal information by Tuesday, September 3rd with Orientation and first meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 4th.

Please double-check that you are able to attend all mandatory gatherings before turning your application in.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE ARRUPE HOUSE ON OR BEFORE  
SEPTEMBER 9th

Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership  
2071 W 30th St. (across from Breen Center parking lot, adjacent to Kyle Field)  
[www.ignatius.edu/arrupe](http://www.ignatius.edu/arrupe)  
216-961-12660