

### More Information

For more information about the program and how to become a mentee, please contact us at:

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In order to register as a Crown Ward Mentee, go to [www.nipissingu.ca/crownward](http://www.nipissingu.ca/crownward) and fill out the Registration Form.

***“EDUCATION***  
*is the most powerful*  
*weapon which you can use*  
*to change the world.”*  
*- Nelson Mandela*

## Crown Ward Mentorship Program

### Information for Crown Ward Champions

#### Program:

Nipissing University's Student Development and Services has partnered with the Crown Ward Education Championship Team (CWECT) and the Children's Aid Society (CAS) to develop a mentorship program for youth with Crown Ward status. This program will introduce high school students between 16-19 considering post-secondary education to engaging social and transition support, skills development, and networking opportunities through a variety of activities and full-day events.

#### Goal:

The goal of this program is to motivate, empower, and build confidence in the abilities of youth with Crown Ward status by creating fun events that introduce youth to what it's like to be a university student. By exposing these students to a postsecondary learning environment and partnering them with role models, youth will develop skills, increase self-esteem, and consider postsecondary education as a viable option for their future.

#### Program Strives to:

- Connect youth with positive role models and supports within a postsecondary environment.
- Provide skill development and networking opportunities that will assist with the transition into university or college.
- Introduce students to campus supports, expectations, curriculum, and more.
- Provide information and answer questions youth may have about university life, including financial support, residence, and program choices.
- Motivate, empower, build confidence, and increase self-advocacy skills in youth in care.



### What is a Mentee?

- A Mentee is a high school student ages 16-19 in the Nipissing District who has current or former Crown Ward status.

### Who can be a Mentee?

- Crown Ward students in high school between 16-19 considering postsecondary or who have questions about postsecondary education.
- Interested in the guidance and support of a university student mentor before and/or during the transition into postsecondary.

### Becoming a Mentee:

- Express an interest in participating in the program by filling out a registration form at [www.nipissingu.ca/crownward](http://www.nipissingu.ca/crownward)
- A Children's Aid Society Worker and/or legal guardian (if under the age of 18) can connect with Nipissing on a student's behalf. Necessary consent forms will be provided.
- Visit our website for more information on Crown Ward supports and upcoming events. [www.nipissingu.ca/crownward](http://www.nipissingu.ca/crownward)

### How It Works?

The Crown Ward Mentorship Program is led by university student Mentors who plan and host two full day events with activities per semester. These events are conducted in a group setting with the Mentees. The intent is to encourage the development of personal, social and academic skills.

Youth who express interest in the program are invited to attend and participate in all of the events to learn about getting involved in the university student experience.

There is no fee to participate in this program, and transportation and meals are provided.

### Potential Activities:

- Trivia Games
- Interactive tours
- Leadership skill building
- Cooking class
- Hike on the campus trails
- Attending a varsity game
- Interactive mock lecture
- Budgeting/financial aid workshop
- What is my passion? How to choose a university program of study
- Scheduling and choosing courses
- Living with roommates workshop
- Screen printing in the art studio
- Winter outdoor activity (Snowshoeing or skating)
- Study Skills note-taking activity
- Sleepover in residence (movie/games night)

### Program Benefits:

- Explore options and become comfortable with the campus prior to attending university.
- Build relationships with peers, staff and/or faculty prior to attending university.
- Learn about university programming, culture, expectations, and supports.
- Build confidence in their ability to be successful in university.
- Receive social/emotional support from peers and staff, enhancing academic success.
- Practice, build upon and gain confidence in skills such as teamwork, organization and leadership.

