Grants for Student Tuition, Companionship for Mentors

The Assist Program makes Christian education more affordable by offering scholarships to students when they visit individually matched mentors. Your academy plays a key role in facilitating these intergenerational friendships.

Academy students bring joy to the lives of mentors through visiting, reading, and playing games. When appropriate, they may also perform light housework and yard work. As young people build generational bridges and learn the value of service, they also benefit from the wisdom and mentorship of their mentors. In the process, their time together helps finance the student’s Christian education.

“Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story.” —John Sharp
STUDENT GOALS

• Cultivate a lifelong attitude of service
• Foster mutual learning relationships with the elderly
• Help finance Christian education with a grant of up to $10 per hour

SCHOOL SET UP

• Complete online application at southern.edu/assist.
• Identify committed volunteers and staff to assume roles required by the grant.
• Complete annual conference/training.
• Fundraise 30 percent of the tuition grants awarded. (Assist provides a 70 percent funding match.)

PROGRAM FACILITATION

• Develop criteria for student selection.
• Provide orientation and support to students, parents, and mentors.
• Match students with mentors to ensure compatibility and a nurturing environment.
• Design activities/projects to enhance visits.
• Develop and enforce safety policies.
• Submit accurate, complete, and timely requests for funds each month. Funds are capped at $30,000 for the first year and $55,000 for following years.
• Establish plans to promote the Assist Program in the local community, partner with local churches, and acknowledge local donors.
• See website for additional duties and guidelines.

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