

# **Bezos Scholar EDUCATOR Participant Expectations**

By accepting the offer to voluntarily join the Bezos Scholars Program (the "BSP") and become an active, contributing participant of my Scholar cohort, I understand and am agreeing to the following educator participant expectations and commitments:

#### **Virtual Sessions**

- As an educator, I commit to keeping a 70% or higher attendance rate, missing no more than 6 of the 18 sessions over the course of the Scholar year.
- I will work with my student Scholar to support them in keeping an 80% or higher attendance rate, missing no more than 4 of the 18 sessions over the course of the Scholar year.
- If I absolutely cannot attend a virtual session, barring an emergency or power/Wi-Fi connectivity issues, I will communicate via email at least one week in advance, asking for an excused absence by sharing what session date I cannot make and why.
- I understand that if I cannot attend a session, I am required to watch a session recording (if there is one) and catch up on what I missed by using the resources in Google classroom as well as connecting with other Scholars or BSP staff as needed.
- I will work with my student Scholar to support them in using and tracking scholar work assigned by the BSP provided in Google Classroom and emails, ensuring I complete all readings, assignments and independent/teamwork requested.

### **Aspen Trip**

I commit to attending the entire Aspen trip (dates listed on website) with my student and will not make any plans for the day of departure from my hometown as well as departure from Aspen to account for needed travel time.

- I understand that as an educator, I am my student's chaperone while traveling to and from
  Aspen and that BSP staff are their chaperones once we arrive in Aspen until we depart. While
  there, I understand that I am a participant alongside my student and may play a support role for
  my student as needed/requested by my student and/or BSP staff.
- I will follow all rules and expectations shared with me before and during the trip.

#### **Community Change Projects**

I understand that my student is responsible for meeting monthly milestones set by the BSP, with the support of me as their educator and BSP staff. These milestones include:

- Conducting community engagement efforts to learn and compile what needs our community has as well as their ideas for what our project should focus on.
- Building a team, beyond myself and my student Scholar, that will help us with the project we create.

- Submitting and revising (when applicable) a strong grant proposal that lays out our vision and project plans by the deadline set for us. This includes securing an approved fiscal sponsor who will accept the grant award funding on our project's behalf.
- Creating and submitting a project logo as well as other information about our project progress requested as needed.
- Planning and co-facilitating a strong virtual project presentation during an assigned project showcase event.
- Carrying out goals, action steps and activities our team sets that are imperative for the project's success.
- Launching our project by the end of February of the student's senior year or an agreed upon date set in advance with BSP staff and completing it before my student's graduation, as laid out in our grant proposal.
- Submitting a complete final report by the end of April February of the student's senior year meeting the requirements set by BSP.

## **Overall expectations**

- I understand if my student and I do not fully and successfully complete the planning for our Scholar Community Change Project, we may not receive the BSP grant funding offered.
- I understand that if our project does not launch and/or we don't complete and meet grant
  deliverables, such as the proposal and final report, our project may not be eligible for continued
  funding.
- I understand my if my student Scholar does not fully and successfully complete their Scholar year and the Scholar Community Change Project, they may not be eligible to join the Bezos Scholars Alumni Network or engage in opportunities offered through the Alumni Network.
- I understand that if my student fails to meet any of the guidelines or expectations set forth for such student to participate in the BSP or obtain approval from BSP staff for an accommodation, staff have the right to terminate the student's participation from the BSP.
- I understand that the guidelines and expectations set forth in this agreement are not exclusive and that my participation and my student's in the BSP (including the Aspen trip) may be terminated at any time at the sole discretion of the BSP Staff.
- I understand that as a voluntary participant serving as an educator Scholar, that if I do not meet the above expectations or am removed from the BSP for any reason, I may not receive some or all of the educator Scholar honorarium being offered.

Educator Scholar Name
Educator Scholar Signature
Date