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Dear RISE Parent or Guardian,

We write to you today with great excitement and a heartfelt invitation. At **CORE RISE Financial Literacy Scholarships**, we have always believed that a student's success is inseparable from the strength of the community surrounding them. You, as a parent or guardian, are at the very heart of that community.

That is why we are proud to announce the launch of our **RISE Parent Advisory Committee**. We warmly invite **you** to become a founding member.

"Parent voices are not an addition to our mission — they are essential to it. Together, we rise." — Naomi Nelson, Executive Director

WHY THIS COMMITTEE MATTERS

Philadelphia students face real barriers to higher education and workforce opportunity. Scholarships can change trajectories; but only when families are engaged, informed, and empowered. The Parent Advisory Committee exists to ensure that CORE RISE stays grounded in the real experiences of the families we serve.

As a committee member, you will help shape the direction of our program, amplify student voices, and build a network of families united by a common vision: **every Philadelphia student deserves an education and a path forward.**

YOUR ROLE AS A PARENT ADVISOR

Committee members will be active partners in our work, contributing in four meaningful ways:

- **Advocacy:** Champion RISE scholarship access for students and families across Philadelphia.
- **Feedback:** Provide honest, constructive input on program design, outreach, evaluation, and communication.
- **Outreach:** Help connect CORE RISE to more families, schools, and communities.
- **Events:** Assist in planning RISE application workshops, college info sessions, and family activities.

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

Joining is an investment in your community and in yourself. Members receive:

- Networking opportunities with educators, community leaders, and engaged families.
- Access to college fairs, financial aid resources, and admissions guidance.
- Personal fulfillment from directly impacting student futures.

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- Continuing education resources for parents considering returning to college.
- Public recognition through our *Parents Spotlight* feature on our website.

TIME COMMITMENT

We deeply respect how busy life can be. The committee meets **quarterly**, either virtually or in person; with flexible options for additional involvement based on your availability. There is no minimum experience required, just **enthusiasm, a willingness to contribute, and care for our students.**

HOW TO JOIN

Joining is simple. Please send a brief email message to Naomi Nelson, Executive Director at **nnelson@corescholars.org** including:

- Your name and your child's name and current grade level
- A few sentences about why you would like to be involved

Contact Naomi Nelson, Executive Director

Email: nnelson@corescholars.org | Web: www.corescholars.org

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can join?

Any parent or guardian of a current RISE student or RISE alumni is welcome.

Do I need prior committee experience?

Absolutely not. We value enthusiasm and a genuine desire to contribute above all else.

Will my involvement affect my child's scholarship eligibility?

No. Committee participation is entirely separate from the scholarship selection process.

What is the time commitment?

We ask for a one-year commitment. Meetings are held quarterly and virtually.

TOGETHER, WE RISE.

At CORE RISE Scholarships, parent voices don't just matter; they are the foundation upon which lasting change is built. This is your invitation to sit at the table, to speak up for the families and students who need it most, and to help us build a future where every

Philadelphia student has a clear path to college and career opportunities.

WE BELIEVE SUCCESS HAPPENS! We look forward to welcoming you.

With warm regards and high hopes,

Naomi Nelson

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