

MENTORING LOCATIONS

Aurora - N. Farnsworth	Lisle - Corporate Lakes Office Park
Aurora - Waubonsee Comm. College	McHenry - McHenry County College
Bloomington - Chamber of Commerce	Naperville - Chamber of Commerce
DeKalb - Resource Bank	Naperville - Nichols Public Library
Darien - Indian Prairie Public Library	Plainfield - Public Library
Elgin - Elgin Community College	St. Charles - Chamber of Commerce
Elgin - Gail Borden Public Lib.	Wheaton - IIT - Rice Campus
Elmhurst - Public Lib.	
Joliet - Joliet Junior College Main campus	

NEED SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE?

Need confidential help with patents? Import/export issues? Running a restaurant? Opening a boutique? Negotiating a franchise? Setting up a daycare? Specialized expertise is available within the Fox Valley SCORE Chapter, where we can put you in touch with mentors who have been there, done that.

To match your needs to the industry background and skills of our more than 100 mentors, go to www.FoxValley.Score.org and click on *Our Mentors*, where you can search on selected criteria. Then target the mentors you find by location and date before making your appointment.

There's no limit to the number of times you can meet with your mentor.

You can also search for mentor expertise anywhere in the country at www.Score.org, and get the help you need by e-mail.

WHAT IS SCORE?

SCORE IS A NATIONWIDE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HELPING THE OWNERS OF EXISTING AND START-UP BUSINESSES ASSURE THAT THEIR BUSINESSES GROW AND PROSPER.

Since its inception in 1964, the SCORE Association has been closely affiliated with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), an agency of the federal government. The missions of both organizations remain basically unchanged: To help Americans start, build and grow successful businesses.

Providing that help is a veritable army nationwide of more than 11,000 highly experienced current and former business owners and management executives. Their skills include virtually every type of business experience imaginable. Mentors generously volunteer their time to help businesses in their communities thrive.

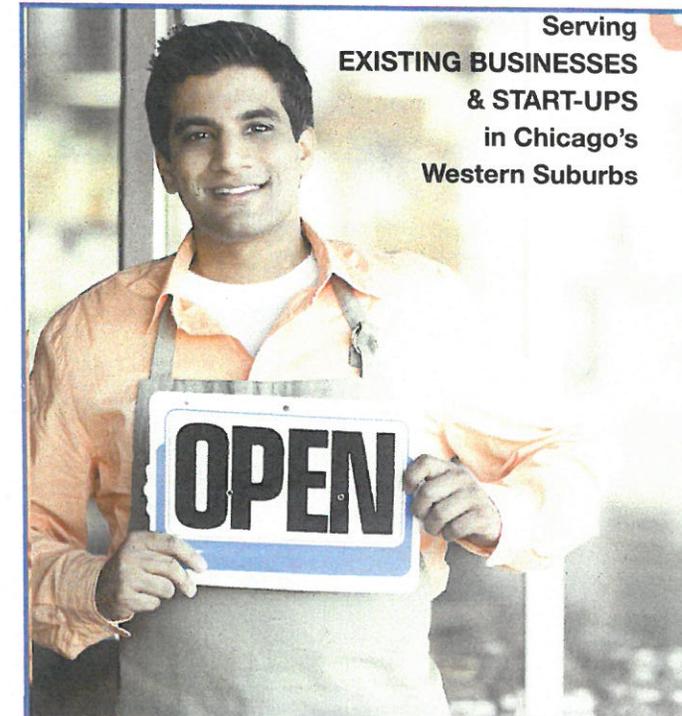
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MENTORING

Fox Valley SCORE is a local volunteer organization of successful business people who provide assistance to the Small Business community. Among the services we offer is free mentoring to anyone who is currently operating a business or thinking about starting one.

With over 50 years of experience, SCORE has a proven record of helping existing small businesses grow and new businesses get started and operate more effectively.

We have private, confidential mentoring sessions in 16 convenient locations in DuPage, DeKalb, Kane, Will, Kendall, and McHenry counties.

WHY CHOOSE FREE MENTORING?

- ▲ **Results:** Our team of mentors is comprised of successful business people with a wealth of real-world experience who can guide you to success!
- ▲ **Free:** You can't beat the price! Our not-for-profit organization offers free and confidential business counseling!
- ▲ **Convenience:** Counseling can be conducted at one of our many western suburban locations, or by telephone or email!

To make an appointment for confidential, face-to-face mentoring at no cost to you, simply go to www.FoxValley.Score.org and click on *Free Mentoring*. You choose the date, time and location that's most convenient for you!



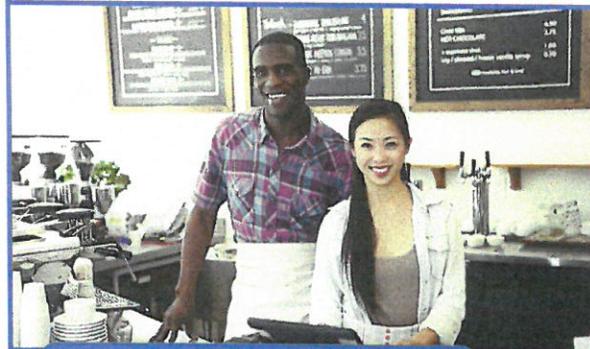
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WORKSHOPS

Fox Valley SCORE also provides a variety of Workshops and Webinars on relevant topics for existing and aspiring business owners. Most are free, some incur a nominal fee. Among the various topics covered are...

- ▲ *How To Start a Business*
- ▲ *Accounting Guidelines and Recordkeeping*
- ▲ *Business Insurance*
- ▲ *Business Structure and Contracts*
- ▲ *How To Write a Business Plan*
- ▲ *Financing a Business*
- ▲ *E-mail and Internet Marketing*
- ▲ *Using Social Media in Business*



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RESOURCES

The Fox Valley Chapter of SCORE also provides a Referral Service for its Clients in the event they request or require independent professional resources such as...

- ▲ Accounting
- ▲ Banking
- ▲ Websites
- ▲ Insurance
- ▲ Legal concerns
- ▲ Marketing

Our small business experts have also compiled a wide variety of business resources to assist you in growing or starting your business. On our website you can find productivity tools and business planning guides.

Our reward is your success.



**OUR MISSION:
WE HELP PEOPLE
SUCCEED IN BUSINESS.**