

4 Benefits to Interacting with Kiwanians

Mentorship

1 Many Kiwanians have been through different experiences. Being more knowledgeable in regards to life situations, career paths, and more, Kiwanians are people who can inspire, give advice, and help us learn from their experiences. For example, if there is a Kiwanian in your career field of interest, you could get advice from them. If you're going through a tough situation, a Kiwanian might be able to help you through it and you can get advice from someone not involved. If you're prepping for a job interview, a Kiwanian probably will love to help out as they have most likely experienced a few themselves. Kiwanians can be great mentors if you reach out to them and ask.

Funding Opportunities

2 One of most Kiwanis Clubs' goal is to support their Service Leadership Programs (SLP), such as Circle K. Often times your Kiwanis Club has already allocated funds to help you and your club lower the costs of membership fees, costs for an upcoming convention, or even a service project you need help with. All you have to do is build a relationship with the Kiwanis Club and ask in a professional manner. You can also help them raise money, as well, and create joint fundraisers. This way, your club helped in the process!

Reference

3 Kiwanians can be a reference for a job, scholarship, or graduate school application. If you're an active Circle K member who has formed lasting relationships with your Kiwanis members, you could possibly ask one of them to be your reference. They probably know you well and know that you're a dedicated servant-leader who loves to serve your community! This could really differentiate you from other applicants.

Networking

4 Kiwanians have all different types of professions. If one of them has a career in a field of your interest, you have the perfect opportunity to get to know the field! If you're lucky, they might have an internship position available and/or know someone in the same field who is hiring. Even if there are no Kiwanians that you know in your field of interest, one of them might know someone who can help you out.

Note: When we interact with Kiwanians, we are also educating them and giving them the energy to do even more! It fosters a relationship where we "keep Kiwanians young", although not all Kiwanians are significantly older than us. This helps the circle of our organization. Since CKI clubs go through more cycles than Kiwanis clubs do, Kiwanians will be able to tell you the history about your CKI club, especially when your club needs help.