

# 20 Ways to Thank Your Mentor

As a mentee, one of the most important things you can do in a mentoring relationship is say “thank you” and to say it often. Mentors take time and energy out of their schedule regularly to help support you in your growth and learning. Be sure to say “thank you” often.

Since you will be saying “thank you” a lot, here’s a short list of 20 ways you can thank your mentor. By no means is this list exhaustive. There are millions of ways in which you can say “thanks you,” but if you need a boost, take a look at these options and modify them to your liking.

1. Write a “Thank-You” note
2. Send a spontaneous email message
3. Smile and say, “I appreciate you”
4. Give them candy
5. Write a poem
6. Send them flowers
7. Bake some cookies
8. Treat them to a warm beverage in the Konditorei
9. Give them some balloons
10. Pick up the phone and give them a call (if they don’t answer, leave a thoughtful message)
11. Treat them to a snack in the Den
12. Create a personal video just for them
13. Get to know their schedule, and drop by for a quick “hello!” (be sure to respect their schedule as well)
14. Send them a holiday greeting card
15. Write a hand-written letter expressing your thanks
16. Invite them to an event or activity you will be participating in
17. Give them a gift certificate to one of their favorite places
18. Keep them updated with what’s going in your life, especially when you may not have touched base in awhile
19. Give a shout out to them on Facebook, Twitter, and/or a blog
20. Nominate them for special awards

**No matter what, when expressing your thanks, try to be creative, make it unique, and truly mean it. Your Mentor WILL appreciate it!**