

Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
Teen Big Initiative



Personal Information

First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:		Preferred Name to be called:			
Home Address:			Apt#	City:		County:	State:	Zip:	
Home Phone #:		Work Phone #:		Cell Phone #:		Best # and time to call?		Email address:	
Date of Birth:		Gender: Male / Female		Ethnicity:		School:		Year in School:	
Occupation:				Employer:					
Address:				City:		State:		Zip:	
How Long Employed:		May we contact you at work? Yes No				Work Hours:			
Parents Names:		Parent Primary#:		Emergency Contact Info:				Phone #:	
Social Security #:		Possession of a driver's license is not required to participate in our programs but is required if you will be transporting a youth in a vehicle you are operating.			Do you have a driver's license? Yes / No If yes, list DL #		State issued:		Expiration date:
Have you previously applied to be (or have you been) a Big Brother or Big Sister? Yes No				If so, Where and When:					
How did you hear about Big Brothers Big Sisters?									
List any other organizations where you worked and/or volunteered directly with youth.		Organization Name(s):				Contact Name and Number / Email address			

References

Please type or print information requested for two references: 1) parent/guardian 2) teacher/school counselor who has known you for **at least 1 year**.

Reference Name:	Day Phone Numbers/Ext:	Email Address / Fax Number:	Relationship to you:	How long known:
1.				
2.				

I understand that:

- 1) The references and youth organizations I listed may be contacted by mail, telephone, or email;
- 2) I am in no way obligated to perform any volunteer services;
- 3) The information I provided may be used to conduct a background check, to include driving records check, criminal background check, and other records where required by local, state, or federal law for volunteers working with youth;
- 4) As part of the enrollment process, the BBBS agency will be asking me to provide additional personal information prior to making recommendations for assignment;
- 5) I understand that Volunteer Big Brothers and Big Sisters, as well as the children BBBS serves, their parents/guardians, and BBBS staff and Board Members, are not excluded on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability.
- 6) Parents are given the opportunity to express volunteer preferences in a match and those preferences are honored;
- 7) BBBS is not obligated to match me with a youth; and
- 8) If I am accepted as a Big Brother/Big Sister, I understand my obligation to meet with my Little Brother/Sister regularly and to inform BBBS agency staff as to the status of my match relationship every month. I further agree to accept the supervision of the BBBS staff and discontinue my service if I am requested to do so by the agency.

Additional Parental Consents (please initial):

_____ I give permission for my child to participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. I do hereby release the organization and its employees, agents, members, volunteers and all other persons on its behalf from any and all liability for any damage or injury which such child might sustain while participating in said program and activities, including but not limited to any liability to any right of action that may occur to such child directly, or to me as his/her guardian.

_____ I give permission for the school to provide social and academic information about my child to Big Brothers Big Sisters (e.g. report cards, behavior reports, attendance records, and standardized test scores)

_____ I consent to the use of photographs, artwork, audio, video, or writings of my child taken, made or written while participating in the program, may be used by BBBS and/or their partners in any and all forms of media for the purpose of publicity efforts.

_____ I understand that in order for Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide safe mentors to children across Texas, Big Brothers Big Sisters or the school district has the right to run a criminal background check/registered sex offender check on my child.

To the best of my knowledge, my child has/has never been charged with/convicted of a:

Misdemeanor/Felony: _____Yes _____No

Details: _____

Sex Offense: _____Yes _____No

Details: _____

Teen Big's Name (please print)

Teen Big's Signature

Date

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature, if under 18

Date

Please return this completed application with a copy of your birth certificate, passport or permanent resident card along with the completed *Authorization for Background Check* form. **Big Brothers Big Sisters receives funding through the Texas Workforce Commission to support our Teen Big Initiative program. A copy of one of these two documents serves as documentation that students mentoring as part of the Teen Big Initiative meet certain age and citizenship eligibility criteria.****

NOTICE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

NOTICE

This is to inform you Big Brothers Big Sisters ("BBBS") may obtain information about you and/or your history related to potential criminal activity. The report from authorized sources may include, among other information, arrest, conviction, and driving record information. BBBS may additionally obtain information concerning your background, character, medical conditions, employment, education, and military experience. Information obtained by BBBS will be used only for the purposes of assessing your suitability to become a volunteer and matching you with a Little Brother or Little Sister.

AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize and instruct BBBS to procure a report on me, including a criminal background history, which I understand may include, among other information, arrest, conviction, and driving record information. I also authorize and instruct BBBS to verify my Social Security number and to investigate my background and character in any manner they see fit to evaluate my potential as a Big Brother or Big Sister, including obtaining information from medical providers, employers, educational institutions, military agencies, and any other sources. If I become a volunteer for BBBS, I authorize BBBS to repeat these investigations at any time for as long as I remain a volunteer. I authorize BBBS to disclose relevant information obtained from its investigations to the parent/legal guardian of any child considered as a possible Little Brother or Little Sister to effectively enable the parent to exercise "parental choice" in accepting or denying me as a Big Brother or Big Sister for their child. I authorize and instruct any individual, corporation, and public or private entity having knowledge about me to furnish to BBBS any and all information they may have regarding me. I unconditionally release and hold harmless BBBS and its officers, directors, employees, and agents and any party furnishing information to them pursuant to this authorization from any liability, claims, charges, costs, or causes of action which I or my heirs, executors, or assigns may have as a result of the delivery, disclosure, non-disclosure, or omission of any information. I additionally agree to indemnify BBBS and its officers, directors, employees, and agents for any and all attorney fees, court costs, and other expenses resulting from investigating my background, gathering information concerning me, or verifying personal information about upon the written request of law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, I understand that BBBS holds the right to deny my participation in the program and, for confidentiality, is not required to disclose reasons for doing so. A photocopy of this authorization may be accepted in lieu of the original.

Date

Signature (please do not print or type)

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT:

Complete, Legal Name: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

If name changed (through marriage or otherwise), print former name _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Drivers License Number _____ State _____ Expires _____

Please list all residences from the last 7 years, starting with the most current.

List beginning and end month and year you lived at each (ex. Dallas, TX Dallas 3/09-6/10)

City _____ State _____ County _____ Beginning Month/Year: _____ End Month/Year: _____

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City _____ State _____ County _____ Beginning Month/Year: _____ End Month/Year: _____

Have you ever been (circle which) charged with / convicted of a (circle which) misdemeanor / felony? No _____ Yes _____

Details: _____

Have you ever been cited for a traffic violation? No _____ Yes _____ Details: _____

For the safety of all children and volunteers, BBBS conducts a background check on all potential volunteers.

Signature _____

Parent Signature (If under 18) _____