K Big Brothers Big Sisters

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saint John! This package was designed to provide you with important information about becoming a volunteer mentor with our agency.

Our Vision

All young people realize their full potential.

<u>Our Mission</u> BBBS enables life-changing mentoring relationships that ignite the power and potential of young people.

Who we serve Young people who face adversity and who need an additional consistent and supportive developmental relationship in their lives.

Application Process



Commitment

Traditional Big Sister/ Big Brother/ Big Couple

- Able to commit to at least one (1) year once matched
- Available for regular, consistent contact with a Little Brother/Sister
- Willing to have a fun and rewarding experience while hanging out with your Little
- Willing to build a developmental relationship with your Little (Express Care, Challenge Growth, Provide Support, Share Power, and Expand Possibilities)
- Agree to follow the mandatory match monitoring schedule and open to being coached by a professional mentoring coordinator throughout the length of the match
- Excited to learn new skills through hands-on experience working with youth
- Agree to a closure interview with the Mentoring Coordinator
- Willing to celebrate a life-changing impact that you can make on your Little

In-School Mentoring/Teen In-School Mentoring

- Able to commit to at least one (1) school-year once matched (shorter time for Teen Mentors)
- Available to meet with your Mentee in their school for approximately one hour per week
- Willing to have a fun and rewarding experience while hanging out with your Mentee at school
- Willing to build a developmental relationship with your Little (Express Care, Challenge Growth, Provide Support, Share Power, and Expand Possibilities)
- Agree to follow the mandatory match monitoring schedule and open to being coached by a professional mentoring coordinator throughout the length of the match
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Group Program Mentoring (Go Girls!, Game On!, etc.)

- Agree to commit to the full length of the program (7 weeks to 1 year depending on the program)
- Available to meet with your group of Mentees in their school/community agency for approximately one hour per week
- Willing to have a fun and rewarding experience while implementing a curriculum-based program
- Willing to work in a team of 2 or more Mentors and matched with a small group of Mentees
- Agree to follow the mandatory match monitoring schedule and open to being coached by a professional mentoring coordinator throughout the length of the match
- Excited to learn new skills through hands-on experience working with youth

MENTOR Links Program

- Willing to commit to a variety of small group outings with youth over a period of time agreed upon with the program coordinator
- Able to be a positive, caring adult mentor for groups of young people and able to encourage them to build friendships with other children
- Open to experience a variety of activities, such as archery, bowling, board games, arts & crafts, cooking, hiking, sports, as well as seasonal and community events
- Open to experience what being a Big is like through participation in group activities
- Agree to maintain regular contact with a professional mentoring coordinator
- Excited to learn new skills through hands-on experience working with youth

Our Impact

Social Emotional Competence

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Educational Engagement & Employment Readiness