



# VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Brazos Valley asks volunteers applying to the program for a donation of \$25 to support the costs of volunteer screening and training.

Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity/Race:  Black  American Indian  Asian  White  Hispanic  Nat.Hawaii/Pacific Islander  
 Multiracial (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed  Separated  Living w/Significant Other  Domestic Partner

Driver's License  or State ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have vehicle insurance?  Yes  No

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: Primary: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been involved with BBBS before?  Yes  No If yes, how? Big Little Parent

Referred by:  TV  Radio  Relative  Special Event  Neighbor/Friend  Other Big  Local Website  National Website  
 Corporate Partner  BBBS Board/Staff Member  College Partner  General Knowledge  
 Faith Organization  Fraternity/Sorority  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you at work?  Yes  No Work hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Level:  Less than High School  High School  Some College  Associate's Degree  Bachelor's Degree  
 Master's Degree  Professional Degree

Are you bilingual?  Yes  No If so, what language? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in the military?  Yes  No Formerly

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Duty Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested OR convicted?  Yes  No

Are you currently charged with a felony or misdemeanor, including deferred adjudication?  Yes  No

Have you ever been or are you currently being investigated for allegedly abusing, neglecting, or exploiting children, the elderly or the disabled?  
 Yes  No

If you answered "yes" to any of the last three questions, please list details, including the degree, city, state, and county of the event.

Do you have any communicable diseases?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you anticipate any major life changes in the next 6 months, such as moving, marriage, job changes, or pregnancy?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

1) Spouse/Domestic Partner OR an adult living in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Youth Serving Reference, *IF Volunteered with youth in the last 5 years:* \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Other Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Other Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***I will notify my references and confirm completion of said reference(s) to Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas***

CONFIDENTIALITY WAIVER: I understand that all information collected by Big Brothers Big Sisters as a result of my application to the program will be held in the strictest of confidence. All information obtained by Big Brothers Big Sisters shall be deemed to be its sole property and shall not be available to me or anyone outside the Agency, excepting parents of prospective Little Brothers or Little Sisters during the matching process, unless written authorization for the disclosure of information has been obtained from me.

I am aware that Big Brothers Big Sisters staff will disclose personal information about me to the parent(s) of the youth with whom I will be matched. This information will include my name, address, employer, occupation, age, race, gender, marital status religious preferences, communicable diseases, sexual orientation, and criminal background. By signing below I do hereby knowingly and voluntarily consent to this disclosure.

Big Brothers Big Sisters may also disclose to other agencies and organizations that utilize volunteers, the fact that I applied for and/or served as a Big Brother or Big Sister volunteer.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT: I agree to inform Big Brothers Big Sisters if I am named in complaints or indictments or convictions of a felony or a misdemeanor, including deferred adjudication. I also agree to inform Big Brothers Big Sisters if I am investigated for allegedly abusing, neglecting, or exploiting children, the elderly, or the disabled. I hereby authorize the Agency to run criminal and/or child abuse history checks on me according to their discretion any time during my participation in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE & AUTO INSURANCE AGREEMENT: I agree to maintain a valid driver's license and auto liability insurance while I am matched with a child in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree that I am not obligated if called upon, to perform services of a Big Brother or Big Sister and that Big Brothers Big Sisters is not obligated to assign, or actively seek to assign, a child to me.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Volunteer Match Preferences

**Name of Volunteer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**After School Mentor** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** **Community Base Mentor** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE READ THIS PARAGRAPH CAREFULLY: We consider many factors when matching you. Research tells us that when volunteers share more information with us about their preferences, we can make stronger, happier, longer lasting matches. Please provide as much info as possible. All of your responses are confidential. We may not always choose a child with exactly the preferences you share, but we will take it all into consideration. We ask for the same information on preferences from parents and youth.

In a few words, please describe the child/teenager you'd like to be matched with. You can include things like age, race, gender, interests, hobbies, risk factors you think you can help with, geographic location and any other things you think of. We will discuss your preferences in the interview.

Which choices in the following categories should we prioritize when finding a match for you?  
(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

AGE:                      6-8              8-10              10-12              12-14              15-17

RACE/ETHNICITY    Hispanic    African American    White    Asian    Multiracial    Other

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:              Bryan              College Station              I will drive anywhere

What kinds of things do you like to do for fun that you would want to do with your Little?

Please describe any involvement you've had with children or teenagers as either a volunteer or paid staff person with any other youth organizations, or just informally.

Where: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_ How long: \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s) of youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the activities you engaged in with the youth.

## YOUTH CHARACTERISTICS

Would you be willing to be matched with a Little with the following?

Very active	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
ADD/ADHD	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
Mental illness	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
History of abuse	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
In counseling	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
Quiet	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
Talkative	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
Shy	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
LGBTQ	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
An incarcerated parent	Yes	No	Maybe, with training
Substance abuse in the home (history or currently)	Yes	No	Maybe, with training

Do you align yourself with a religion/faith and if so which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer to work (or not work) with a Little who has a certain religious preference and if so, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak and/or understand Spanish \_\_\_\_\_

### ***IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE COMMUNITY BASE PROGRAM PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.***

Do you live in one of the following: Home Apartment Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Who else lives with you? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you want to take your Little to your home? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the things you can imagine doing with your Little at your home? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have pets, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_ Any firearms/other weapons? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider your neighborhood to be safe? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any concerns about being matched with a Little who lives in a neighborhood you are unfamiliar with? \_\_\_\_\_