BECOME A BIG

WHY BE A BIG?

You can make a difference for children who are on the edge. Sometimes, circumstances do not allow a child’s abilities to flourish, but that does not mean they lack hope or potential.

The strength of these youth comes from the people who are there to help them—people who are interested in being a part of a solution to a problem. You can be part of the solution.

As a Big, you can help keep and define that potential. Through your relationship, you can make a difference in their lives and in your own.

APPLICATION

PROCESS TO BECOME A BIG

Support and Structure Through Every Step

STEP 1: APPLICATION

Complete the online application here. On the application, you will learn about the commitment you will need to make.

STEP 2: ORIENTATION & INTERVIEW

When you apply, you will be invited to meet with a Big Brothers Big Sisters staff member. During your meeting, you will discuss the requirements of the program and how you can become a Big. You will be asked questions about your background, values, and personal preferences.

STEP 3: IN-DEPTH SCREENING & MATCH

When you are selected to be a Big, you will need to complete a thorough screening process. This includes a background check, a personal interview, and a reference check. Your Big Brother or Big Sister will be a paid position, and you will be required to complete a number of training sessions to ensure you are prepared to be a Big.

STEP 4: MATCH INTRODUCTION

For information on operating your Program Specialist will schedule a time for you to meet your child for the first time. This is an important step in building your relationship. You will have an opportunity to get to know each other in a supported environment. For community-based matching, you will also schedule your first meeting with your child.

STEP 5: ONGOING SUPPORT

Once your match begins, you will be able to focus on building the relationship.

If your child needs support, your Program Specialist will be there to help. Big Brothers Big Sisters staff are available to help you navigate the challenges of being a Big. They provide support and guidance to ensure your relationship is a success.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, please contact us today.