

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Contact Information for Parent/Guardian: _____

In serving as a reference for your child's application as a High School Big, please answer the following questions.

1. Do you believe your son/daughter will be a good mentor and a positive role model for a younger student? Why or why not?
2. Describe your son/daughter's personality and interests (e.g., is she shy or outgoing, prefer outdoor or indoor activities, is she trustworthy, reliable, and consistent?)
3. Do you believe your son/daughter can fulfill a 12 month commitment to the Big Brothers Big Sisters program? If no, please explain any concerns you have.
4. Have you observed your son/daughter interacting with younger children? If so, can you describe how your son/daughter interacts with younger children?
5. What reservations or concerns do you have about your son/daughter's participation?

I give permission for my daughter/son, _____, to volunteer as a High School Big Brother or Big Sister. I have read and co-signed, with my child, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer Application and understand that she/he is committing to be a volunteer mentor for at least one school year, and that she/he will spend about an hour each week mentoring a younger child (except during school breaks). I understand that his/her involvement in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program will be under the guidance of Big Brothers Big Sisters Staff and that she/he is required to abide by all program rules and expectations.

I feel this is a good opportunity for my son/daughter and fully support and recommend his/her involvement as a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Parent Signature

Date



Date _____

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of _____, do hereby consent, on behalf of myself and said child, to have a background report prepared by Sterling Volunteers and delivered to _____ for use for volunteer purposes consistent with the disclosure and authorization provided to said child.

Signature of Legal Parent or Guardian_____
Print NameMedia Release

Upon occasion photos or videos of participating volunteers are used for brochures, posters, Social Media or miscellaneous promotions to be used by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast. I hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by BBBSNC, or any authorized agent, of any photographs, video, or audio recording which BBBSNC has taken of me without further compensation to me. All photos and videos are the property of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast. Yes No Initials: _____

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister. Please submit completed application via email to **enrollment@ncbbbs.org** or fax to **707-445-1405**; or hand deliver or mail to **480 C Street Suite G Eureka, CA 95501**.

Along with this application, you will need to submit a copy of a government-issued photo ID, as well as your driver's license (*if not used as your government-issued photo ID*), and proof of auto-insurance, if you plan to transport a child within the community-based program. All applications will be given equal consideration regardless of race, age, sex, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.

GENERAL INFORMATION

First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:		Preferred Name:																						
Home Phone #:		Work Phone #:		Cell Phone #:		Is it okay to text you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Cell phone Provider:																						
Home Address:			City:		County:		State:	Zip:																				
Personal E-mail:		Work E-mail:			How do you prefer to be contacted? (Phone, e-mail, time of day, etc.)																							
Social Security Number:					Gender:		Marital Status:																					
Date of Birth:							If applicable, maiden name:																					
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Nationality/Country of Origin:																												

Occupation:	How Long Employed?	Work Hours?
Highest Level of Education: Area of Study:		Are you a student at this time? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please name school:
Do you have current or past military experience? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Dates of Service:
Branch: <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Corps <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard		
Component: Active <input type="checkbox"/> National Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve <input type="checkbox"/>		Are you retired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Are you separated/discharged (other than retired) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If retired, separated, or discharged, please check the character of separation/discharge: <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> General (under honorable conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Under Other than Honorable Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Dishonorable		

Possession of a driver's license is required if you will be transporting a program youth in any vehicle you are operating.

Do you have a current and valid driver's license? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, state of issue and #: Expiration date:	Do you have a vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Do you have valid insurance that meets or exceeds state required minimum? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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1. Have you previously applied to be or served as a Big Brother or Big Sister here or anywhere else?
 Yes **No**
 If yes, when and where?

2. Have you ever been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters in a capacity other than a Big?
 Yes **No**
 If yes, when and where?

3. Have you ever been involved with or volunteered for another youth organization?
 Yes **No**
 If yes, when and where?

4. Have you ever been denied acceptance or released from service as a volunteer or employee for another Big Brothers Big Sisters program or youth-serving organization? **Yes** **No**

If yes, when and where?

5. Are you interested in learning about additional ways to contribute to the Big Brothers Big Sisters mission? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please check all interests that apply.

Becoming a donor

Helping to recruit volunteers

Volunteering at agency events for matches, Littles, waiting-list children, etc.

Volunteering at agency fundraising events

Inviting BBBS to speak at a company, church, organization, or other group of which I am a member

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Please list information for **at least two** references below including:

1. Your spouse or domestic partner (i.e., if you live with a significant other/ girlfriend/boyfriend) OR a family member, if you do not have a spouse, partner, or significant other);
2. Current or former employer or co-worker you have known for at least one year, or someone from your school if you are a student; AND
3. A friend or neighbor you have known for at least two years.

Spouse/Partner's name:		Family member name (if no spouse/partner):	
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Day Phone #:	Cell #:	Email:	
Employer or Co-worker (current or past) or school personnel (if you are a student):			
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Day Phone #:	Cell #:	Email:	
Friend, Neighbor, or other personal reference:			
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Day Phone #:	Cell #:	Email:	

In addition to the references above, Big Brothers Big Sisters requires references from all youth serving organizations at which you have worked or volunteered in the past. Please list additional on separate page, if needed.

Organization name:		Direct supervisor:		
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Day Phone #:	Cell #:	Email:		
Dates of involvement/employment:				
Reason for leaving:				
Organization name:		Direct supervisor:		
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Day Phone #:	Cell #:	Email:		
Dates of involvement/employment:				
Reason for leaving?				
Organization name:		Direct supervisor:		
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Day Phone #:	Cell #:	Email:		
Dates of involvement/employment:				
Reason for leaving:				

I CONSENT TO AND UNDERSTAND THAT:

- 1) The references and youth serving-organization I listed may be contacted by mail, telephone, email, or in-person;
- 2) The information I provided may be used to conduct a background check, to include a search of public domain records, driving records check, juvenile and adult criminal history check (*see attached authorization*), military records, and other records where required by local, state, or federal law for volunteers working with youth;
- 3) I am in no way obligated to perform any volunteer services;
- 4) The BBBS agency is not obligated to match me with a youth and may deny my application or close my match at any time, and to protect all participants' confidentiality, BBBS is not required to disclose reasons for doing so;
- 5) Other BBBS agencies and youth organizations where I have worked or volunteered may be contacted as references;
- 6) As part of the enrollment processes, I will be required to provide additional personal information, including completion of an in-person interview;
- 7) I understand that the information I provide in the enrollment process will be kept confidential, unless disclosure is required by law and with exceptions noted below.
- 8) I understand that incidents of child abuse or neglect, past or present, must be reported to proper authorities;
- 9) I understand that certain relevant information about me will be discussed with the parent/guardian of a child who is a prospective match (*this might include demographic information, information relevant to parent/child preferences, and any information relevant to a child's safety or well-being*);
- 10) It is my responsibility to update the agency if any of the information I provide on this application, in my interview, or any other information provided during the enrollment process changes (*i.e. address, phone number, auto-insurance, new criminal charges, etc.*).
- 11) I agree to timely communication and follow-up with all agency staff.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THIS APPLICATION:

I understand that this is an application for a volunteer opportunity and is not a promise or commitment by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

I certify that all information I have provided or will provide to Big Brothers Big Sisters, including this application, is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have and will answer all questions to the best of my ability and that I have not and will not withhold any information that would affect my application for a volunteer position. I understand that information contained on my application will be verified by Big Brothers Big Sisters. I understand that misrepresentations or omissions may be cause for my immediate rejection as an applicant or my termination as a volunteer.

At any time while involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, I agree to immediately inform my Big Brothers Big Sisters contact person of any and all infractions, violations, charges and convictions related to any civil, domestic, or criminal occurrences. I understand that BBBS staff needs to be fully informed to provide the best guidance or support possible.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If applicant is under the age of 18, co-signature of a parent/guardian is required for application and to obtain criminal history record check information:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

VOLUNTEER PRE-INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Prior to your in-person interview, please answer the questions below. Parents of youth in our programs will often ask questions about someone with whom their child will be matched. The information you provide will also help us make a better match for you and assure we can support you during your involvement with our program. **Please note that you will have an opportunity to discuss these questions and your responses more thoroughly during your in-person interview.**

Name: _____

1. Do you have any concerns about your ability to fulfill the 12-month commitment required of mentors?

Yes No

2. Do you anticipate any significant life changes over the next year or had any this past year? **Yes No**

Please describe:

3. Have you ever been accused, arrested, charged, or convicted of a crime? **Yes No**

4. Have you had any driving citations and/or moving violations in the past 5 years? **Yes No**

5. Do you have guns, ammunition, or other weapons in your house? **Yes No**

6. Are you experiencing any physical or mental health issues? **Yes No**

7. Do you speak any foreign languages? **Yes No**

8. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself or any questions that you have?

9. Please list any counties and states that you have lived in aside from your current address in the past 5 years.

VOLUNTEER INTEREST FINDER

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Please look through the following activities and write a letter next to any that interest you...

Write **E** next to activities you enjoy

Write **S** next to activities you enjoy sometimes

Write **L** next to activities you would like to learn

SPORTS

- _____ Archery
- _____ Baseball/softball
- _____ Basketball
- _____ Bowling
- _____ Football
- _____ Frisbee
- _____ Golf
- _____ Bicycling
- _____ Gymnastics
- _____ Hockey
- _____ Jogging
- _____ Martial arts
- _____ Racquetball
- _____ Roller-skating
- _____ Soccer
- _____ Swimming
- _____ Tennis
- _____ Volleyball

HAVING FUN

- _____ Art shows
- _____ Beach
- _____ Circus
- _____ Concerts
- _____ Fairs
- _____ Forest
- _____ Kite flying
- _____ Museums
- _____ Parks
- _____ Plays
- _____ Pool
- _____ Puppets
- _____ Races
- _____ Rivers
- _____ Window shopping
- _____ Zoo

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- _____ Backpacking
- _____ Boating/sailing

- _____ Camping
- _____ Fishing
- _____ Gardening
- _____ Hiking
- _____ Horseback riding
- _____ Hunting
- _____ Picnics
- _____ Rafting/canoeing
- _____ Skateboarding
- _____ Snowboarding/skiing
- _____ Surfing

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- _____ Board games
- _____ Card games
- _____ Chess
- _____ Computers
- _____ Pool/billiards
- _____ Puzzles
- _____ Reading
- _____ TV/movies
- _____ Video games

EXPLORING

- _____ Animals
- _____ Dinosaurs
- _____ Electronics
- _____ History
- _____ Insects
- _____ Oceans
- _____ Plants
- _____ Rocks/minerals
- _____ The earth & stars

BEING CREATIVE

- _____ Arts & crafts
- _____ Beads/jewelry
- _____ Collage
- _____ Cooking/baking
- _____ Dancing
- _____ Drama

- _____ Drawing/painting
- _____ Embroidery
- _____ Fixing things
- _____ Knitting/crocheting
- _____ Mechanics/cars
- _____ Model building
- _____ Music
- _____ Photography
- _____ Sculpting clay/pottery
- _____ Sewing
- _____ Singing
- _____ Welding
- _____ Wood working
- _____ Writing stories/poetry

COLLECTING

- _____ Baseball cards
- _____ Bugs/insects
- _____ Coins
- _____ Comics
- _____ Rocks
- _____ Shells
- _____ Stamps

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- _____
- _____
- _____

