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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

MISSION

Provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring professionally support one to one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS:

- Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Big Couples and Big Families volunteer opportunities are designed to match children between 5-17 years old with an adult who can serve as a positive role model, giving a child a chance to see their unlimited potential, and providing the opportunity to develop into a more responsible, successful and well rounded individual.
- Bigs in Blue us a one to one mentoring program that connects youth with police in departments throughout our community to build strong, trusting, and lasting relationships. These relationships can help children develop into confident adults, as well as helping build stronger bonds between law enforcement and the families they serve.

SITE-BASED PROGRAMS:

- Campus kids is a staff supervised group-mentoring program specifically for children waiting for a Big. The group meets once a week on the South Dakota Mines campus and is led by college students volunteer leaders. This program is for Mines students only to volunteer.



VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Mentors must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be able to serve as a positive role model for a child
- Inform BBBS agency of any misdemeanor or felony charge, arrest, conviction, pardon, or suspending imposition of sentence incurred during the intake process and/or match
- Be willing to spend 4 hours a month with a Little
- Be willing to commit to at least 1 year in the agency's Community Based or Bigs in Blue programs or 1 semester in Campus Kids
- Be free of drug and alcohol abuse or treatment for 3 years
- Have a valid driver's license, access to an insured vehicle, and proof of insurance

The Volunteer Mentor enrollment process consists of:

- Brief orientation given in paper format via mail or in person or sent to provided email
- Interview
- Providing personal references
- Consenting to a police background check
- Home Assessment
- Child Safety Training and all other necessary volunteer training



Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer mentor! Please submit completed application via email to audreyn@bigmentors.com, hand deliver, or mail to **425 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, SD 57701**

At your initial interview, 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, gender identity, religion or national origin.

Check the program you are most interested in:

Community Based:

- Big Brother
- Big Sister
- Big Couple
- Big Family
- Bigs in Blue

Site Based:

- Campus Kids (Mines Students only)

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:	
Gender:			Birthdate:		
Race/Ethnicity	Nationality:	Hispanic/Non Hispanic:		Relationship Status	

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Street:		Mailing City and State:		Mailing Zip Code:	
Gender:			Birthdate:		
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:	Work Phone:		Preferred Phone (Home, Work, Mobile):	
Personal Email:	Work Email:	School Email (if applicable):		Preferred Email (Personal, Work, School):	



Emergency Contact:	Phone (Emergency Contact):	Emergency Contact Relationship:
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EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

Occupation:	Employer/School:	
Employer/School Address	Employer/School City, State, and Zip Code	
Work Hours (Start Time): Work Hours (End Time):	Employment Length Years:	Employment Length Months:
Level of Education:	Years Completed:	

PREVIOUS APPLICATION

Have you previously applied to be a Big (Yes/No)?	If yes, when was the previous application?
If yes, where was the previous application submitted?	

DRIVER INFORMATION

Do you have a driver's license (Yes/No)?	Driver's License State:
Driver's License Number:	Driver's License Expiration:
Other States of Residence in the last 5 years:	

AUTO INSURANCE INFORMATION

Auto Insurance Company:	Auto Insurance Broker/Agent:
Auto Insurance Effective Date:	Auto Insurance Expiration Date:



REFERENCE INFORMATION

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

1. Your spouse or domestic partner (i.e., if you live with a significant other/partner) OR a family member (biological or chosen), 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 agency guidelines], or someone from your school if you are a student; AND
3. A friend or neighbor you have known for at least two years.

First Name	Last Name:	Relationship:
Email:	Phone Number	Years Known

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ELIGIBILITY DISCLAIMER:

I understand that:

- 1) The references 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 record check, criminal background check, and other records where required by local, state or federal law for volunteers working with youth.
- 4) The BBBS agency is not obligated to match me with a youth.
- 5) Other BBBS agencies or youth organizations where I have worked or volunteered may be contacted as references, and
- 6) As part of the enrollment process, I will be asked to provide additional personal information prior to any recommendations for assignment.
- 7) I certify that the information provided is accurate.

Eligibility Disclaimer

You will automatically be determined to be ineligible for our program if you have ever been accused of, charged, or convicted of any form of child abuse. You may also be determined ineligible for our program based on information resulting from background checks, including criminal background check, driving record check, and other record checks where required by local, state or federal law for volunteers working with youth.

Volunteer Name (Printed)

Volunteer Signature Date