



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**

THE VILLAGE FAMILY
SERVICE CENTER

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Our Volunteers

- Are at least 18 years old.
- Are able to make a one year commitment to the program.
- Are able to maintain consistent contact with the child — at least every other week for two to four hours.
- Complete a mentor training prior to being matched in the BBBS program.
- Have reliable use of a car, valid driver's license and proof of insurance.

If there is any history of drug or alcohol use, there must be two years of consecutive sobriety or non-usage. If the applicant has had a DUI or other alcohol-related violation, the applicant must have a clean record for the preceding five years.

Enrollment of Volunteers

After you fill out the enrollment forms, we:

- Complete reference checks.
- Complete background checks for child abuse/neglect as well as a criminal record.
- Verify auto insurance.
- Complete a personal interview.

Our Children

- Are from single-parent families and have limited relationships with other adults.
- Are between the ages of 6 and 14 (once matched, they remain in the program until 18 years of age.)
- Live in Fargo, West Fargo, Horace, Moorhead or Dilworth.
- Want to participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.



The Matching Process

- When we feel we have a possible match, a case manager will call you to provide background information about a potential "Little."
- If you agree to go ahead with the match, the case manager will contact the parent and share information about you with the parent.
- If the parent agrees to go ahead with the match, the case manager will either set up a time for you and the parent to meet at the BBBS office, or will set up a time for the case manager to introduce you to the parent and Little.

Match Support

- Your case manager will contact you, your Little and the parent throughout the match. This will ensure your match is successful and moving in a positive direction. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Program encourages you to contact your case manager with questions or concerns at any time!
- Your case manager will conduct an annual review of your match on the match anniversary date. This allows you to provide information about your match as well as strengths and areas of improvement for your Little.



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