

Application Information

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in Big Brothers Big Sisters Group Mentoring Programs! There are two types of group programs offered by our agency.

Site Based Group Programs

These programs are offered in schools in the Prince George area. If you are interested in your child participating in a group please check with your child's school to see if they are offering the program.

For girls and young women aged 10-13 that focuses on physical activity, balanced eating and self-esteem. The Go Girls! Program consists of 8 mentoring sessions, held over a 7-10 week period after school within the school facilities. Each 1.5-2 hour session is loosely structured around four themes: physical activity, healthy eating, self-esteem, and communication skills.

This program provides boys and young men, aged 10-13, with information and supports to make informed choices about a range of healthy lifestyle practices. Through non-traditional physical activities, complemented with healthy eating support, participants are engaged in life skills, communication, and emotional health discussions designed to engage participants in the pursuit of life-long healthy lifestyles. The program consists of 8 mentoring sessions held over a 7-10 week period within school facilities.

A teacher or other school staff member must provide a referral to our agency for a child to be considered for a group program. Group matches are made multiple times in a school year.

Community Based Group Programs

These programs are run out of the Yellowhead Rotary Clubhouse at 777 Kinsmen Place.

This is a 14 week program for girls aged 11-13. This community based program operates out of our Rotary Sponsored Clubhouse. The program focuses on enhancing a child's self-esteem, competence, and self-confidence through hands on experiences about active living, healthy eating, and through creating a positive group atmosphere with other girls and the mentors.

Team up! is a sports based mentoring program for boys and girls aged 11-13. The program is community based and runs out of our Rotary Sponsored Clubhouse. This program focuses on physical activity, healthy eating, nutrition, self-esteem, leadership, communication skills, and includes field trips around the community.

If you are interested in having your child participate please complete the following Child Application.

Thank you for your interest in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Group Mentoring Programs – we look forward to meeting you!

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in Big Brothers Big Sisters Group Mentoring Program! This program matches children and youth in Prince George ages 11-14 with volunteers in a group based mentoring relationship. The volunteers in this program are excited to go through this program with their mentees!

Our volunteers are 18 years or older and have completed a Police Information Check and a Vulnerable Sectors Check, multiple reference checks, an interview and training sessions. The matches made in the Big Brother Big Sister Program are monitored by our Mentoring Coordinators to ensure child safety is maintained at all times.

Before Completing the Application

Does your child meet the criteria for the Big Brother Big Sisters Group Mentoring Program?

- Is your child between the ages of 11-14 and reside in Prince George?
- Are they interested in being match with a mentor?
- Able to meet with their group once a week, for two hours at a time?

Do you meet the criteria for your child to be a mentee?

- Are you supportive of and interested in having your child involved in this mentoring program?
- Are you able to help your child arrive at the group meetings?
- Are you able to maintain regular contact with your Mentoring Coordinator?

Thank you for your interest in the Big Brother Big Sister Group Mentoring Program – we look forward to meeting you!



Child Application Form

Community Based Group Programs

Date Completed: _____ Date Received: _____

The information you provide in this form will be maintained as a confidential, secure record. Once the application is complete, please return it to the Big Brothers Big Sisters office either in person, by mail, or scan and email. Once your application has been received, you will be contacted to discuss the next steps.

Personal Information

Child's First Name _____ Child's Last Name _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Age _____

Girls Club Program (Tuesdays) Team Up Program (Wednesdays)

Parent/Guardian's First Name _____ Parent/Guardian's Last Name _____

Relationship to Child _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ Prince George, BC (Postal Code) _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Home Cell Work

Other Phone Number _____ Home Cell Work

Emergency Information

Emergency Contact Name _____

(First Name)

(Last Name)

Relationship to Child _____ Care Card # _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Home Cell Work

Other Phone Number _____ Home Cell Work

Permission to Pick up Child Yes No

Does your child have any specific medical conditions, allergies or other concerns we should know about? If so please include their reactions and treatment.

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Getting to Know Your Child

Have you talked to your child about Big Brothers Big Sisters group program? If yes, what was their reaction?

Is there anything about your family or child's history that we should be aware of?

Why do you feel that your child would benefit from a Big Brothers Big Sisters group program?

A Mentoring Coordinator will determine if a Community Based Group Program is appropriate for your child, as we are not always able to find suitable matches for all children who apply.

By signing my name below, I agree to my child being matched in group with volunteers from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George. I understand that it is my responsibility to advise Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George of any changes (i.e. home address, phone number, etc.).

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Signature _____

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

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Informed Consent (Community-Based) - Parent

I hereby make formal application to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George to make available their service to my child. It is my understanding that the intention of the Agency is to match a responsible adult, (minimum 18 years old, however, where appropriate supervision takes place, the volunteer may be younger), with my child for the purposes of shared activities, friendship and support. I understand that all efforts will be made to select a Mentor who is compatible with my child.

In consideration for this service and other valuable consideration provided to my child by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George, I release the agency of all responsibilities and liabilities in connection to their services provided in good faith, to myself or my child. I permit the agency to release any relevant information, including my personal information, to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and their insurers, as may be appropriate in connection with any legal proceeding, inquiry or risk thereof.

I consent to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George contacting any referring professionals involved with my family to obtain information for the purpose of assessing my application for a Mentor.

I further agree that all or part of the information herein may be shared, at the discretion of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George, with my child's Mentor, and/or with the referring professional, so that my child's needs in a Mentoring relationship may be best met. I understand that the collection of personal information about me or my child will be held in strict confidence and is to be used solely for the purposes of administering the program.

I understand that I am under no obligation to accept a Mentor for my child, that the Agency is under no obligation to provide my child with a Mentor and that this application is the property of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George. I also agree that I and my child will participate in the Pre-Match Training Program administered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:
I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____ hereby request Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George service for my child. I give the agency my consent to assign a Mentor to my child. I am aware of and understand the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the above service and agree such service is suitable for my child.

Signed at _____ this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Parent/Guardian

Note: Release to share information with other professionals will expire within one year of the above date.

MEDIA CONSENT FORM – CHILD/YOUTH

Re: _____
Name of Child/ Youth

Name of Agency at which child/youth is enrolled (Local Agency)

I hereby consent to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada (National Office) and its associated member Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George the use of any photographs, audio and/or video recordings of my child or youth as taken or produced by media personnel and/or National Office or Local Agency staff at recreational events or match outings, or otherwise authorized by the National President & CEO, local agency President/Executive Director/CEO or Board of Directors, and that this media may be used by Local Agency and/or by the National Office for purposes of promotional material including brochures, posters, newsletters, media information, advertisements, audio-visual productions and digital media, (such as the local agency websites and social media). Photographs or video productions may also be shared with community and school partners for program promotion.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Note: Confidentiality concern

- Please check here if you do **not** want your picture or your child's picture used or if you have a safety concern.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Note: It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the office if the status of this consent changes.