

What happens after I submit my Volunteer Application?

Once your application has been received by a Mentoring Coordinator we will process the application and contact your references. If you have not participated in an Orientation then one will be scheduled with Darbi Brand, Program Manager. Once your references have been contacted we will schedule an Interview and Pre-Match Training with you. Your Mentoring Coordinator will determine suitability for the program. Upon acceptance into the program the process will start in matching you with a mentee.

How long does the application process take?

The amount of time depends on how quickly your references get back to us. It can take up to 8 weeks for your application to be processed and references contacted, however, typically it is 2-3 weeks. After your references are completed you are required to complete both an Interview and Pre-Match Training and some paperwork, that can take anywhere from 1.5 weeks – 3 weeks. If you are applying to a Group Mentoring Program then you will be required to attend a Group Training Session with your fellow group mentors in addition to the above.

Can I volunteer if I do not live in Prince George?

Currently Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George serves child and youth in Prince George. To meet the requirements of the mentoring programs it is highly encouraged that you reside in Prince George as well. If you feel you could be a mentor but do not live in Prince George full time please contact Darbi Brand, Program Manager to discuss your case.

How is a match created between a mentor and mentee?

Matches are made on a best-fit basis. Our Mentoring Coordinators look at many factors of both the mentee and the mentor to ensure we are making the best match possible. Factors include, but are not limited to, interests, personality and location.

Do you have any activity ideas for me and my mentee?

Mentoring Coordinators are a wealth of knowledge when it comes to activities. Do not be afraid to email or call your Mentoring Coordinator to ask for ideas or suggestions. As the seasons change a new Activities List is made for our mentors. This can be found in our Become a Mentor page.

What schools have BBSPG Programs?

Many schools in Prince George offer one or more of our programs. Schools include:

Foothills Elementary
Nusdeh Yoh
Spruceland Traditional
Polaris Montessori

Heritage Elementary
Harwin Elementary
Peden Hill

Malaspina
Ecolé Heather Park
Van Bien

What days/times of the week do your programs run?

The only program that Big Brothers Big Sisters offers that runs on a schedule are Group Mentoring Programs. Group Mentoring Programs run through schools during school hours or immediately after school or in the evenings out of the Rotary Clubhouse.

All other Big Brothers Big Sisters programs have requirements for how often you meet and when, but those are determined on a match by match basis.