

**What does Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend do?**

We interview and thoroughly screen (background & reference checks), responsible mentors to meet with your child on a one-to-one basis at school for **ONE HOUR** per week. This program is of no cost to the participants.

**What is a Big Brother or Big Sister?**

A volunteer that will share their time and interests with your child while also assisting with academic projects and any other behavioral issues that you would like them to work on with your child (such as classroom behavior, low self-esteem, peer relations, etc.).

**What is the process to get your child matched with a mentor?**

- 1) **APPLY:** Complete and sign BOTH SIDES of the attached form and return to your child's school
- 2) **INTERVIEW:** BBBS staff will briefly interview your child to discuss their interests in order to be matched with the right mentor
- 3) **MATCH MEETING:** Your child will be introduced to their mentor in a meeting at school with BBBS staff present
- 4) **PARENT CONTACT:** BBBS staff will contact you when your child has been matched to let you know a little bit about them

**IMPORTANT RULES OF THE PROGRAM:**

- You will **NOT** have direct contact with the mentor and do not ask for the mentor's contact information. Please contact BBBS staff if you have questions or concerns.
- The mentor **CANNOT** meet with your child off school grounds.

***(If either of these rules are broken, the match will be closed immediately)***

If you have questions about the program, please contact our office at 850.386.6002.

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**