



Big Brothers Big Sisters
OF SOUTH TEXAS

Volunteer Match Preferences

Name of Volunteer: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE READ THIS PARAGRAPH CAREFULLY: We consider many factors when matching you. Research tells us that when volunteers share more information with us about their preferences, we can make stronger, happier, longer lasting matches. Please provide as much info as possible. All of your responses are confidential. There are hundreds of kids on the waiting list and we need information to find the best one for you. We may not always choose a child with exactly the preferences you share, but we will take it all into consideration. We ask for the same information on preferences from parents and youth.

In a few words, please describe the child/teenager you'd like to be matched with. You can include things like age, race, gender, interests, hobbies, risk factors you think you can help with, geographic location and any other things you think of. We will discuss you preferences in the interview.

Which choices in the following categories should we prioritize when finding a match for you?
(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

AGE: 5-7 8-10 10-12 12-14 15-17

Why do you choose those ages? _____

RACE/ETHNICITY: Hispanic African American White Asian Multiracial Other

It is unlikely that the youth on our waiting list live in your neighborhood/community. How much of a hardship is driving a substantial distance to meet with your Little?

Very hard Somewhat hard Neutral Not a Problem Unsure

What kinds of things do you like to do for fun that you would want to do with your Little? _____

Please describe any involvement you've had with children or teenagers as either a volunteer or paid staff person with any other youth organizations, or just informally.

Where: _____ When: _____ How long: _____

Age(s) of youth: _____

Describe the activities you engaged in with the youth: _____

YOUTH CHARACTERISTICS

What are your thoughts about working with a Little with the following kinds of challenges?

- Very active/ADHD
- Mental illness
- Behavioral problems
- History of abuse/violence in the home
- In counseling
- Quiet, shy, reserved
- LGBTQIA
- Gender creative, neutral, fluid, diverse
- Substance abuse in the home
- Poverty
- Academic struggles

Do you align yourself with a religion/faith and if so which one? _____

Do you prefer to work (or not work) with a Little who has a certain religious preference and if so, which one(s)?

Please describe your Home

Do you live in one of the following: Home Apartment Other: _____

Who else lives with you? _____

Would you want to take your Little to your home? _____

What are some of the things you can imagine doing with your Little at your home? _____

If you have pets, what are they? _____ Any firearms/other weapons? _____

Do you consider your neighborhood to be safe? _____

Do you have any concerns about being matched with a Little who lives in a neighborhood you are unfamiliar with?
