**Explanation of the Big Brother Big Sister Program**

Big Brother Big Sister (BB/BS) provides mentoring experiences to high school students in our community. You will be chosen to be part of the Big Brother Big Sister Program based on your application and your references. You will be matched up with a “little brother” or “little sister” from either Meridian, Forest Park, or East Side Elementary to mentor. If you are male, you will be matched with a little brother. If you are female, you may be matched with a male *or* female little.

**New and Returning Bigs will be completing the same application**

\***Carpool Form:** You will be required to provide transportation or carpool to

either Meridian, Forest Park, or East Side to meet with your little after school.

Please complete the carpool form on the following page. It must be signed by a

parent/guardian prior to being allowed to participate in the program.

**\*BB/BS Code of Conduct:** This is new for ALL Bigs. Please read through

carefully, sign, and have your parent/guardian sign as well.

**\*Volunteer Application:** Fill out the general information on this page and part of

the next page. Please make sure you submit your social security number if you are

a *New Big*.

***(The Terre Haute office has to have social security information in their system. This is a secure system that no one has access to. If your parents would like to call the office and talk to a staff member prior to releasing this information that is fine. The phone # is (812)234-0709.)***

**\*References:** New and Returning Bigs complete all reference sections. Make sure

you ask your references if it’s ok to submit their info. prior to turning in an app.

-Family member reference

-Employee or co-worker reference (or school staff member if no job)

-Friend/Neighbor reference

**\*Additional References:** (If you worked or volunteered for a youth services

organization please list as a reference. (YMCA would be an example.) If not

leave this section blank.

\***Signatures:** Make sure you and your parent/guardian sign the next 3 pages where

indicated. (Consent, Big Contract, Confidentiality Policy)

**\*Activities and Interests:** This form helps BB/BS match you to your little. Be as

thorough as possible.

**\*Pre-Interview Questionnaire:** ALL Bigs must complete this questionnaire.

New Bigs will be required to have an interview prior to participating. Some of

the questions from this questionnaire will be what is asked in the interview.

***Returning Bigs do not participate in the interview process.***

**Important Dates and Meeting Information**

**You will meet at the school you are assigned to 1-2 times per month.**

**Meetings will begin in October and each meeting will last from 3:30-4:30.**

\***Friday, August 31st**: ALL BB/BS applications are due in **Guidance Office**.

***(Stapled preferably)***

\***Tuesday, Sept. 4th**: Interviews after school for New Bigs ONLY. **Media Center**

\***Wednesday, Sept. 5th:** BB/BS Training after school in **Media Center** for

ALL Bigs. This meeting will last until 4:15 at the latest.

\***Thursday, Sept. 6th:** Interview and Training make-up day (Interviews for

New Bigs who could not participate on Tuesday, September 4th and Training for

any Big who could not attend on September 5th). In **Media Center**.

\***Monday, Sept. 24th:** Bigs will receive what school they are assigned to.

\***Monday, Oct. 8th:** Forest Park, Meridian, and East Side Bigs will find out

who they are matched with as well as other pertinent school information.

\***Tuesday, Oct. 9th**: First Forest Park meeting.

\***Wednesday, Oct. 10th:** First Meridian meeting.

\***Thursday, Oct. 24th:** First East Side meeting.

\*\*Dates for each school are available**.** It is important that you try and work around the dates of the meetings so you can attend. (We understand that it is not always possible to miss practices or work, but it is your responsibility to let me know)

**Other Important Information**

**\*Returning Bigs:** You will have the same little as last year unless the student has moved or attends the middle school. However, if you want to make changes in your “little” or “school” from last year please circle below so I am aware prior to doing matches.

**\*New Bigs:** Please indicate below if you prefer to be at Meridian, Forest Park, East Side, or have no preference. If you are carpooling, you will want to make sure you sign up for the same school as who you are carpooling with. **You must sign up for an interview time on the wall above applications in the Guidance office.**

\*You will sign up for **Remind** once school assignments have been made. This will be my main form of communicating with you and reminding you of meetings.

***Returning Bigs: (Circle Preferences Below)***

\*Meridian/ Forest Park/ East Side/ Same School as last year.

\*Same Little/ New Little

***New Bigs: Circle Preference Below)***

\*Meridian/ Forest Park/ East Side/ No Preference

\*Boy/ Girl/ No Preference

**Thanks, Christy Casassa (BB/BS Sponsor)**