



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Each year, we honor two outstanding Bigs, a Big Brother and a Big Sister. These Mentors serve as ambassadors, demonstrating the impact mentoring relationships have on children and their future success.

SUBMISSIONS

Bigs' team members, Mentors, parents or guardians of Littles and community members are invited to nominate a Big Brother and a Big Sister. A nomination form is completed via Google Forms and is due by November 15, 2022 . Any nominations sent by mail or email will not be accepted.

Google Nomination Form Link: <https://forms.gle/BMPDtSjtEbMo92oS8>

SELECTION & CELEBRATION

Bigs' CEO and appointed Committee Members will review all nominations and select one Big Brother and one Big Sister who have demonstrated the characteristics outlined in the Nomination Criteria section. The winners will be notified by December 15, 2022 and will be announced to the public at the Bigs' Social in Traverse City on January 19, 2023 at MiddleCoast Brewing Company.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

The following are characteristics that each nominee must exemplify in order to be considered for the honor. The CEO and Committee will use these criteria to rate candidates. The candidate:

- Demonstrates a significant impact on the life of their Little
- Helps ignite, empower, and/or defend their Little's potential in an identifiable way; and their Little has shown progress in reaching their potential
- Is highly engaged in the mission of Bigs
- Is an advocate for Bigs' Mission





TO NOMINATE A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Criteria to nominate an adult Big Brother or Big Sister:

- The Big must be in a current, active match with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan
- The match relationship has had a significant impact in the life of their Little
- The Little has shown progress in reaching their potential and the Big has helped to ignite that journey in an identifiable way
- The Big has shown excellence as an advocate for Bigs' mission

NOMINATION FORM SAMPLE

1. First and Last Name of Big:

2. Volunteer Type (Big Brother or Big Sister)

3. How has the Big demonstrated a significant impact on the life of their Little?

The Big has helped his/her Little overcome obstacles to achieve positive outcomes. This is evidenced by the Little's academic achievements, behavioral and/or emotional stability and reaching major milestones (i.e. improved academic performance and attendance, graduation, college attendance, avoidance of delinquency, respect of authority figures and peers).

4. How has the Big supported their Little's social/emotional strengths?

The Little has shown increased confidence, improved relationships with family and peers and an interest in setting goals for his/her future.

5. How has the Big shown excellence as an advocate for Bigs?

The Big has shown excellence as an advocate for Bigs by at least one of the following: recruitment of Mentors, promoting Bigs in the community and/or workplace, supporting fundraising efforts, speaking positively about their experience and/or actively promoting Bigs.

6. How do you know the Big?

7. What else would you like us to know about the Big?

