



CHRISTEL HOUSE LUNCH BUDDY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION:

Christel House Academy has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide organizational support for the CHA Lunch Buddy Program. This form should be returned to Christel House Academy, but the application and training will be done by BBBS staff.

The Lunch Buddy Program requires a weekly or bi-monthly commitment. I am interested in participating __ weekly or __ bi-monthly.

Prior to your in-person interview, we would like you to answer the questions below. Parents of youth in our programs will often ask us questions about someone with whom their child will be matched. We will only release information to a parent with your expressed permission. The information you will give also help us make a better match for you and assure we can support you during involvement with our programs.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

DOB: _____ Employer: _____

How were you referred to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana? (check all that apply):

- Radio TV Website
- Newspaper/Magazine Place of employment Community Fairs/Expos
- Special Events/Fundraiser Congregation _____ Presentation, Where? _____
- Current/former Big Brother or Big Sister - Name of Big _____
- Current/former Little Brother or Little Sister – Name of Little _____
- Other (please specify) _____

1. How long have you worked for your current employer?

2. What do you do for them?

3. Where is your job located? (i.e. Nearest Intersection)

4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

5. Which do you enjoy more? (Check all that apply)
- Indoor Activities Outdoor Activities No Preference
 Watching events or activities Actively participating in activities
6. Do you have any guns or ammunition in your house?
- No
 Yes (If yes, we will discuss what safety precautions are necessary)
7. Would you be able to secure or otherwise make unavailable any youth inappropriate viewing materials in your home? This would include television channels and Internet access?
- Yes
 No (If not, we will have you discuss during the in-person interview)
8. Do you have any pets?
- No
 Yes (If yes, we will discuss with you what safety precautions are necessary around youth)
9. Are you experiencing any physical or mental health problems?
- No
 Yes (If yes, we will have you discuss during the in-person interview)
10. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a crime? If so, explain.
11. Have you had any driving citations and/or moving violations in the past 2 years?
- No
 Yes (If yes, we will have you discuss during the in-person interview)
12. How long have you lived in the area? _____
13. Do you anticipate any significant life changes over the next year or have you had any in the past year?
- No
 Yes, Explain.
14. Do you speak any foreign languages? Yes or No : _____
15. Before we continue with some additional questions about your personal background and life is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself or any questions you may have of the interviewer?

16. **You are required to submit three completed personal references from an anyone 16 years or older, who has known you for at least 1 year; only one family-member allowed, please use the enclosed forms and return to our office as soon as possible:**

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone: _____

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Match Preferences:

To help us make the best possible match, we would like to take a little more time and ask some more detailed questions around the traits of a child with whom you would feel most comfortable. We would like to have you imagine with us some things about your about your Little and you time together.

- a. What is the youngest and oldest age you see yourself working best with? (We serve youth ages 8-14)
- b. Do you imagine your Little to be very active? What are some of the activities you see yourself doing together?
- c. Do you imagine yourself with a talkative child, or someone more on the quiet side?
- d. Do you imagine yourself with a child who asks for your advice, or who prefers to work things out on their own?
- e. What kind of personality traits might be challenging for you?

Medical & Mental Health

Are you currently under the care of a physician? (i.e. psychiatrist, physical therapist, etc.)

- a. What are you being treated for?

- b. How long? (Frequency, reason for frequency etc.)

- c. Name, Address, Phone (permission for release of information may be required).

Training, Support & Guidance:

BBBSCI wants you to have a successful match. We provide you with training and support throughout your match experience.

I understand that to be considered as a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple I must comply with the following:

- ✓ Be at least 18 years old
- ✓ Have an Indiana Driver’s License (exceptions; i.e. students, military personal), car insurance if applicable
- ✓ Be free of alcohol abuse/dependency/addiction (at least 2 years)
- ✓ Have not used illegal drugs or controlled substances with the last 2 years
- ✓ Complete a background check, sex offender and driving record check
- ✓ Attend an in-person volunteer interview with one of our Enrollment staff

I understand that by signing below I am acknowledging that the responses to the above questions are true in their entirety. I also acknowledge that my responses will be kept confidential, not being shared with any third party without my consent. As per agency policy, I understand that BBBSCI is not obligated to give reason for the decision, if my application is not accepted. It is at the discretion of BBBSCI to approve or decline any applicant. I hereby authorize BBBSCI to confirm the above information.

Signature

Date

Reviewed By

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
**CHRISTEL HOUSE ACADEMY,
ATN: LUNCH BUDDY PROGRAM
2717 S EAST STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46225
FAX (317)783-4693**

FQAs

What is the Christel House Academy / Big Brothers Big Sisters Lunch Buddy Program?

The Lunch Buddy program matches an adult volunteer with a child needing a mentor. The “buddies” have lunch together once a week at the child’s school during the school year. National studies have shown that children in lunch buddy programs have a dramatic increase in self-confidence, an improvement in attitude toward peers and authority figures and teachers report that the child’s grades improve.

How will this work?

The Lunch Buddy program allows volunteers to spend 30-45 minutes eating lunch with a CHA student. Lunch Buddies meet once each week, or twice a month, during the child's lunch period at the school.

Exact times of the lunch depend on the age level of the student who the volunteer is matched with.

Where is the Academy located?

We are located on the near-Southside of the city at 2717 S East St, Indianapolis, IN 46225. We are behind the Super K-Mart on US31, just south of Garfield Park.

Who can I contact for more information?

The school social worker, Jen Brown, coordinates the program with Big Brothers Big Sisters. She can be reached at 317.783.4690.