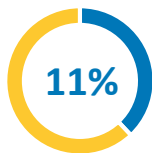




## Post-Secondary Success Program

### DID YOU KNOW THAT:

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**Just 11 percent of students** from low-income communities who are the first in their family to attend college will have an associate's or bachelor's degree within six years of enrolling in school?

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**Only 38.2 percent of program starters** completed their certificate in two years after enrollment?

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All young people need guidance, encouragement, decision-making support, and a feeling of accountability as they transition into adulthood and the world of post-secondary education – whether college, high-quality post-secondary option like community college or a certificate program. For more resourced students, their support often comes from college-educated parents or personal networks of similar peers and families. Big Brothers Big Sisters is closing the gap for our students, the vast majority of whom will be the first generation in their families to attain higher education.

Big Brothers Big Sisters offers a comprehensive Post-Secondary Education Program that facilitates mentors and mentees continuing their fruitful high-school relationships to defy these odds and ensure that students complete their chosen post-secondary education option on the road to personal and professional success.

## THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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A detailed monthly agenda of topics for mentor-mentee conversations that directly relate to each student's individual post-secondary pathway

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Online interactive modules that help to prepare students and mentors to navigate potential pitfalls and opportunities along the various pathways of higher education and/or career

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Fully-supported digital communities for mentors and mentees to share resources and learn from one another in order to accelerate the path to post-secondary success

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Participation perks – prizes, awards, leadership opportunities and personal and professional development experiences – exclusive to active matches in the program

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This combination of purposeful mentor-mentee interactions and networked support from the Big Brothers Big Sisters team offer a unique set of supports for young adult pursue their individual post-secondary pathways toward the careers they most desire.

## THE COMMITMENT ASKED OF EACH MENTOR-MENTEE MATCH IS:

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At least one weekly communication via phone or in person

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A monthly meet-up, if the pair is local

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Participation in Big Brothers Big Sisters – sponsored learning and networking events whenever possible

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Maintenance of the post-secondary success plan (GradSnapp) developed in high school and to work the plan together

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Additionally, we ask the mentors to step up to report back monthly on their interactions with their mentees. With this communication loop in place, students can benefit from all the counsel and resources their mentors, as well as the entire Big Brother Brothers Big Sisters team and broader ecosystem of supporters.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' mentor3.0 Post Secondary Success Program, powered by mentors is positioned to change the statistics for students and ensure they achieve their educational goals in order to attain their professional ambitions.

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