



The *Arrupe Bigs and Littles Mentoring Program* provides an opportunity for high school students to serve as positive role models to children who are currently in 4th — 6th grade and who live in an ‘at-risk’ environment on the near west side of Cleveland. Volunteer mentors (‘Bigs’) are required to attend weekly after-school meetings at the Urban Community School with their ‘little’ every Wednesday throughout the academic year or semester in which you are a ‘Big’.

Please make sure that you are available EVERY WEDNESDAY (except during holiday breaks) from September 16th through our closing event in May 2021.

PLEASE CHECK ONE

Full Year Commitment 1st Semester Commitment 2nd Semester Commitment

APPLICATION DUE BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT!)

NAME _____ HIGH SCHOOL _____ YEAR _____

STUDENT ID# _____ HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS (Include City/Zip) _____

Were you a Big last year? _____ If Yes, who was your little? _____

SHORT ANSWER

Please respond to the following prompts as honestly and openly as you can. These responses will not only help us to get to know you and your motivations; but should you be invited to join the program, your answers will help us to make the most appropriate match possible. Please make sure to STAPLE your TYPED responses to this application.

1. Extracurricular Activities

Besides schoolwork, list what you do with your free time in the space below.
(include work, sports, clubs, activities, etc....)

2. Family Relationships

Name 2 memories or experiences you had as a young person growing up in your family. Briefly explain your current relationships with family members.

3. Current Relationships

Who are the most significant people in your life right now? How long have you known them? Describe your relationships?

4. Experience/Interests

New Applicants Only

If you were to join the Bigs and Littles Program, what type of young person (personality traits, interests) might you imagine yourself working best with?

Returning “Bigs” Only

Think about your experience last year, name one joy and one challenge with your little last year. Would you be open to working with your same ‘little’ this year? Why or why not.

4. Experience/Interests (Part II)

New Applicants Only

What drew you to the Bigs and Littles Program? What are some of your talents?

Returning “Bigs” Only

Think about your experience last year, what activities made the experience fun and worthwhile for you?

5. As you may know, all Arrupe Programs encourage volunteers to consider how their experience might be one of faith. Knowing this, discuss in what ways being a mentor might allow you to grow in your faith.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

In order to complete your application, we ask each applicant (including returning Bigs) to participate in a 15-20 minute interview with one or two members of the Arrupe Program Staff. Please check all dates that you would be available for an interview. Once all applications have been received, we will contact you by phone or email to schedule a specific interview time on one of the dates that you indicated.

September 10th during school (please specify your free period or asynchronous time): _____

September 10th via Zoom (please specify time available) _____

September 11th during school (please specify your free period or asynchronous time): _____

September 11th via Zoom (please specify time available) _____

September 14th during school (please specify your free period or asynchronous time): _____

September 14th via Zoom (please specify time available) _____

*If you are not available during one of these times, please contact Mr. Pat Valletta at pvalletta@ignatius.edu to arrange for a specific interview time.

Parent Information

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Cell/Work Phone _____ Email _____

COMMITMENT

Please check the box after reading and agreeing to the statement:

I understand that this program is a year-long/semester commitment. I am available to participate every Wednesday.

Thank you for taking time to apply to the Arrupe "Bigs and Littles" Mentoring Program. The parent and student signatures provided below indicate an understanding of the commitment involved with this program. Calls or emails of acceptance will be made to the phone number or email you listed under personal information By Tuesday, September 3rd with Orientation and first meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 4th.

Please double-check that you are able to attend all mandatory gatherings before turning your application in.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student/Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE ARRUPE HOUSE ON OR BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 9th

Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership
2071 W 30th St. (across from Breen Center parking lot, adjacent to Kyle Field)
[Www.ignatius.edu/arrupe](http://www.ignatius.edu/arrupe)
216-961-12660