

Big Sib Requirements and Responsibilities

Please read the following responsibilities carefully, email Honors@tnitech.edu if you have questions. Submit your **Big Sib Application by the deadline**.

Attend the Spring Workshop and training session:

- **Spring workshop** (April) for ALL Big Sibs

If you opt to serve at SOAR during the summer, you will also attend a training session about the role you will have as a Big Sib during SOAR.

You must attend and contribute to the workshop and your training session. The Honors staff reserves the right to exclude any prospective Big Sib who does not take the workshops seriously.

Spring

- **Submit your Big Sib Application** by the deadline, and indicate with availability option you intend to complete (SOARs, VIP meetings, or both.)
- **Submit your availability** for the Spring workshop.
- **Complete the Active Listening Inventory**, and read the Active Listening Guide.
- **Review Honors curricular options** in iLearn, on the website: esp. colloquia, experiential learning.
- **Score 100% on the iLearn Big Sib quiz** on iLearn and score 100% (multiple attempts allowed).
- **Post your top two Honors experiences to the iLearn Discussion Board** by the deadline.

Summer

- **Contact your Little(s)** over the summer to introduce yourself within one week of receiving your assignment.
- **Contact Littles** again before Great Move-In Day (a few days before classes begin).
- **Submit availability** when requested to let us know if you can assist with move in.

Fall

- **Attend Big/Little Sib Party** or other ASG/Honors Welcome Week event with Little(s).
- **Attend one** Honors community, academic, or other Honors or ASG event after WoW with your Little(s).
- **Contact Little(s) at least five times after classes begin** (at least three times before registration) as directed in the contact sheet.
- **Document your contacts** and activities with Little Sibs and upload everything to iLearn.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do the availability options look like?

SOAR Option

Serving at two-day SOAR sessions during the summer (dates included in the Big Sib application.)

- Day ONE: 10 am – 1 pm; describe the benefits/requirements of Honors to incoming students.
- Day TWO: 1:45 pm – 4:30 pm; assist with Honors checkout.

Honors VIP Ambassador Option

Explaining the Honors Program to prospective Honors students during campus tours.

- Receive additional training.
- Must be available between 12:10 and 12:45 pm regularly on Monday, Wednesday, and/or Fridays each week to meet with students.

How much of a time commitment is required of Big Sibs?

It varies. Big Sibs can expect to attend a workshop in spring, fulfill an availability option, accompany Little(s) to at least one Honors event during Welcome Week, and check in periodically with Little(s) across the semester to answer questions and make plans.

Other than what's required, you and your Little can decide the rest. Maybe you give them a tour of campus, maybe you form a gaming group that meets weekly, or maybe the minimum is what you decide—you both choose!

What if I'm a commuter student—can I still be a Big Sib?

Yes! Honors commuters may not live on campus, but they are still well-versed in university life and experienced with Honors.

I'm worried I don't have all the answers. Should I still apply to be a Big Sib?

Yes! We will train you on how to answer Little Sib questions and when to direct your Little somewhere else for help.

I'm an introvert. Will I be required to attend large events?

You and your Little(s) can decide together the activities that you would like to attend. It can be in small groups rather than large events, as both of your schedules allow. Many of our incoming freshmen are also introverted and will select a Big Sib with similar socializing preferences.

How many Little Sibs will I be assigned?

You choose what you're comfortable with!