

## **Position Description for Volunteers**

### **Title**

Big Brother or Big Sister

### **Role**

To provide mentoring and friendship to a young person aged between 7 and 17 years. Mentors commit to spending quality time with a young person; a minimum of one hour 3 to 4 times per month for a minimum of 12 months.

### **Responsibilities and Tasks**

- To develop a mutually co-operative, supportive and fun friendship
- To act as a positive role model and encourage new experiences and opportunities
- To encourage a young person to reach their potential
- To respect a young person's dignity and right to privacy
- To maintain positive relationships with parent/guardians and respect their confidentiality/privacy
- To consider the safety of the young person and establish appropriate boundaries/limits for behaviour
- To maintain regular contact with the nominated Coordinator regarding the progress of the friendship
- To participate in ongoing training and volunteer support meetings

### **Qualifications**

No formal qualifications are necessary

### **Selection Criteria**

- Genuine interest in the well being of young people
- Ability to develop a friendship with a young person and act as a positive role model
- Good general health
- Minimum of 18 years of age
- Ability to meet the minimum requirements for contact
- Resident in designated region/s
- Access to a viable means of transport (public transport or car). Drivers are required to have a valid driver's licence, registered vehicle and minimum liability insurance as required by State law.
- Willingness to undergo the Big Brothers Big Sisters selection process including interviews, reference checks and a National Criminal Record Check and Working with Children Check. Any offer of a voluntary placement will be subject to satisfactory checks.