

Big Sib Requirements and Responsibilities 2024

Please read the following responsibilities carefully. Email LRRoberts@tntech.edu if you have questions. Submit your [2024 Big Sib Application](#) by Friday, March 29.

Attend Fall and Spring Workshops and training sessions:

- **Spring workshop** for ALL Big Sibs in late spring.
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.
- **Fall workshop** for ALL Big Sibs (mid-August)
If you opt to serve as a VIP Ambassador because of your summer availability, you will attend a training session to learn your role in meeting prospective students and parents.

You must attend and contribute to the two workshops and your training session. The Honors staff reserves the right to exclude any prospective Big Sib who does not participate fully and conscientiously in the workshops.

Spring

- **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 (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 via link we will send you 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** their contact and activities with Little Sibs and share the log with the Big Sib Chair on iLearn

Availability Options

All Big Sibs must select **one** of the following options:

- **Three SOAR sessions**—see SOAR dates below.
(Fulfills HPEO Unit 1 or 3 for **Fall only** – or -- an HEF leadership milestone for **Fall only**.)
- **Six SOAR sessions**—see **SOAR dates below**.
(Fulfills HPEO Unit 1 or 3 for **Fall & Spring** – or -- an HEF leadership milestone for **Fall & Spring**.)
- **Two SOAR sessions and three VIP Ambassador meetings**
(Fulfills HPEO Unit 1 or 3 for **Fall only** – or -- an HEF leadership milestone for **Fall only**.)
- **Seven VIP Ambassador meetings**.
(Fulfills HPEO Unit 1 or 3 for Fall only -- or -- an HEF leadership milestone for Fall only.)
- **One SOAR and ten VIP Ambassador meetings-5 in Fall, 5 in Spring**.
(Fulfills HPEO Unit 1 or 3 for Fall & Spring -- or -- an HEF leadership milestone for **Fall & Spring**.)
- **Fourteen VIP Ambassador meetings- 7 in Fall, 7 in Spring**.
(Fulfills HPEO Unit 1 or 3 for **Fall & Spring** -- or -- an HEF leadership milestone for **Fall & Spring**.)

SOAR Option

The SOAR option consists of serving at two-day SOAR sessions during the summer.

- Day ONE: 10 am – 1 pm; describe the benefits and requirements of Honors to incoming students.
- Day TWO: 2 pm – 5 pm; assist with Honors checkout.

Dates for summer 2023 SOAR session are listed below.

Honors VIP Ambassador Option

VIP Ambassadors explain the Honors Program to prospective Honors students during campus tours.

Big Sibs who request the VIP Ambassador option as part of their Big Sib experience

- Will receive additional training.
- Must be available between 12:10 and 12:45 pm at least one weekday for VIP meetings. By approval, we can work with you on representing Honors at special recruitment events if you cannot accommodate the VIP meeting time listed above.

Dates for summer 2024 SOAR sessions:

1. Tuesday, May 28 - Wednesday, May 29
2. Thursday, May 30 - Friday, May 31

3. Monday, June 3 - Tuesday, June 4
4. Thursday, June 6 - Friday, June 7
5. Monday, June 10 - Tuesday, June 11
6. Thursday, June 13 - Friday, June 14
7. Monday, June 17 - Tuesday, June 18

8. Monday, July 22 - Tuesday, July 23
9. Thursday, July 25 - Friday, July 26
10. Monday, July 29 - Tuesday, July 30

Email LRRoberts@tntech.edu if you have questions.

Access the application here [2024 Big Sib Application](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

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

It varies. Big Sibs can expect to attend two workshops (one in spring, one in late August), 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.

Some Big Sibs take their Little(s) around campus at the beginning of the semester to ensure they know how to find their buildings for each class. You and your Little(s) can communicate about what is most helpful.

Additionally, Big Sibs help out with SOAR sessions or VIP meetings; you select which works best with your schedule.

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 provide guidance in the workshops to equip you in 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 crowded 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 and is only as both of your schedules allow. Many of our incoming freshmen are also introverts and will select a Big Sib with similar socializing preferences.

You can take on only the number of Littles you are comfortable with— even if that is just one or two. Introverts, extroverts, and everyone in between who is ready to be a resource for the next cohort of Honors students is encouraged to apply!