

Sheriff Chad Chronister's Building Stars Academy in Partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters Tampa Bay

June 8th-12th, 2026



Mission: To expose and familiarize future high school graduates with alternative opportunities for vocational training and future employment.

Program Goals:

1. Develop essential life skills and seek to empower students to navigate challenges effectively.
2. Foster personal growth and self-development, empowering students to become confident, resilient individuals who can achieve their aspirations.
3. Promote positive relationships and community engagement where students can learn from each other and make a positive impact.

Eligibility and Application Requirements

- Each applicant must be a Junior, advancing to their Senior year.
- Applicants shall provide a transcript supporting a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Must be pursuing a skilled trade post-high school or show interest in that career path.
- Applicants may not have a criminal history.
- Submit 1 letter of recommendation from a non-relative.
- Applications shall be submitted to Communityevents@hcsotampa.fl.us no later than **March 20th, 2026.**

Post Application

- The Sheriff's Office/Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay will form a selection committee to choose finalists from applicants who apply from selected schools.
- Students chosen to participate in the program will be provided with a release and indemnity form to be signed by the parent or guardian and an emergency notification form. These forms MUST be completed and returned to your school resource officer to participate in this program.

Full Legal Name: _____ Current Grade Level: _____
Adult Shirt Size: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____
School: _____
Personal Email: _____
Home Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Student's Cell Phone: _____
Student's Driver's License or State ID #: _____ Valid: Y/N
Emergency Contact: _____

Name Relationship Home/ Work/ Cell Phone #

Have you ever been arrested? Y/N

Have you included your mandatory 1 letter of recommendation with this application? Y/N

Have you included your emergency contact information? Y/N

School/Community Civic Activities:

Leadership Positions Held:

Write a 250-word paragraph on how you want to pursue a career in a skilled trade entirely in your own words. Do not use AI tools (such as ChatGPT or similar) to generate or assist with your writing. Your work should reflect your own thoughts and original expression:

I have read and understand the criteria for selection of the Building Stars Academy.

Student Signature: _____
Print Name: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Print Name: _____ Date: _____
