



## Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay & Think Big for Kids

### High School Teen Programming

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay in partnership with Think Big for Kids offer exclusive programming that is relevant and engaging for high school students at our clubs. Below are just some of the benefits to staying a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs while in high school.

#### During the School Year:

- **Think Big Mentor Program:** Think Big for Kids will match high school students with a mentor in the career field they are interested in pursuing post graduation. Think Big Mentors help students understand their career options, select the right course, stay on track and make an education and career plan for post-high school graduation. Students meet with their mentors at least once per month virtually or in person at the Boys & Girls Clubs.
- **Keystone Club:** This program for youth ages 14 - 18 provides leadership development opportunities for youth to participate in activities, both in and out of the Club, in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Clubs aim to positively impact teens, their Club and local communities.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Fulfills hours toward high school volunteer requirements, especially for Bright Futures scholarships. Volunteer opportunities allow students to expand their knowledge base and learn new skills around job readiness and leadership.

#### Spring Break & Summer Opportunities:

- **YES Academy:** Career readiness programs, skill building workshops and field trips for career exploration during the week of Spring Break.
- **Job Shadowing:** Think Big for Kid has over 35 partner companies in the Tampa Bay Area that offer job shadowing to students in the Think Big program in a variety of career fields including marketing, healthcare, construction, technology, hospitality and many more!
- **Summer Internships:** The Boys & Girls Clubs in partnership with Think Big or Kids offers paid internships to students each summer. In the past students have interned with companies like Bank of America, ReliaQuest and Accenture. Students gain hands-on work experience, develop soft skills and build their resume.
- **Junior Staff:** Junior Staff assists Club members ages 13 to 18 in exploring a career in youth or human services, particularly Boys & Girls Club work. Young people prepare for future roles as human services professionals by participating in career development activities, discovering the importance of community service, building customer service skills and completing a Club apprenticeship.

### **Post-Graduation Assistance:**

- **Scholarships:** Think Big for Kids awarded seven scholarships to students graduating from the clubs in 2021, awarding over \$37,500 for students to pursue further education at trade school, community college or a university. The Boys and Girls Clubs offers scholarships at various levels.
- **Think Big Job-Readiness Workshops:** Think Big offers a variety of workshops each year to help students prepare for college and their first job. Workshops include resume writing, mock interviews, and professional communication.
- **Assistance with Job Placement via Think Big Alumni Mentor Program:** Think Big for Kids aims to stay with students post high school graduation until they are placed at their first job. Our Mentor Program extends to students who are looking for jobs post-graduation or pursuing further education. Our Think Big Alumni Mentoring program specializes in ensuring students stay focused on their career goals and offer support for students post high-school graduation.

To take advantage of all the great benefits of the Boys & Girls Club & Think Big for Kids through our Teen Programming, high school students must actively participate in the Think Big Mentoring Program and/or be a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay.