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YMCA BRIGHT BEGINNINGS VOLUNTEER CONTRACT

Thank you for volunteering for YMCA Bright Beginnings. We cannot do this important work without you. Once you have read this form in its entirety, please fill out the bottom section and return by **July 31, 2026**. It may be scanned and emailed to: daytonb@ymcacv.org. Here are a few notes for you to remember:

1. Please arrive at the Belk Department Store at 1980 US Hwy 70 SE, Hickory, NC 28602 at 5:15 p.m. on August 11, 2026.
2. Check in at the Volunteer Registration Table.
3. Once paired with your students, who should arrive at 5:30 p.m., try to create some rapport with them. Ask them about their summer, what they like to do, etc.
4. Only your assigned student and/or his parent/guardian may accompany you in the store.
5. You will be in charge of the gift card. Use all of the funds on the \$150 gift card.
6. We want to ensure that every child and volunteer is treated equitably. Please do not spend more than \$25 extra per student, if you wish to spend more.
7. When checking out, please give your **receipt to the YMCA staff person**. Print and sign your name on it. If you would like a tax receipt for any extra money you spent, please tell a YMCA staff member.
8. Please continue to look after your assigned child until you know the parent/guardian is looking after them. Please let us know in advance if you have to leave before the end of the shopping event so that we can assign another volunteer or staff person to pair with the child.

Questions? Please Contact:

Dayton Brown, Corporate Administrative Assistant
Daytonb@ymcacv.org 828-578-6998

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Volunteer Duty Preferred (circle one):

Food Server

Personal Shopper

Clean Up Crew



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YMCA BRIGHT BEGINNINGS VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

By signing up to be a volunteer, you agree to abide by the following standards to ensure the safety of all of our students and volunteers.

- To be paired with a student, you must have signed up in advance and indicated on the form that you want to be paired with a student. We attempt to assign female/female, male/male pairs or in some cases we use volunteer couples. If you did not sign up in advance, we can use your help with another volunteer job.
- Remain outside the private changing area of the dressing room at all times. Have the student come out of the private changing room into the common area after trying on clothes to show you how well they fit.
- Do not touch the student while he or she is trying on clothes. To ensure their new clothes fit well, demonstrate how to check for fit rather than touching the child. For example, pull on your own personal waistband and ask questions like, "is it too loose here?"
- After shopping, wait in the store until Y staff directs everyone to dismiss.
- Do not exchange personal information with a child or post pictures of children on your personal social media pages. You may, however, share posts from official Y pages (the branch, association, or staff and volunteers pages).

Printed Name: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____



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YMCA BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FAQ'S

How are the students chosen?

Students are chosen from local elementary schools by faculty members based on financial need.

What's the format for the day?

Volunteers will arrive at 5:15pm. Students will arrive around 5:30pm. Try to get to know your student as soon as you are paired. Your shopping time will be from 5:45pm to 7:30pm. The store closes at 8:00 pm. As you complete your shopping experience, there will be bagged dinner for the children and their parent/guardian. There will be designated registers for us. YMCA staff will be stationed at the registers to assist with "bagging" and name labeling the purchases. Y staff will make sure the parents get the purchases.

How will I know what sizes to get?

Each student will have an information sheet with all of the size, color choices, uniform colors if applicable and other pertinent information.

When will I receive the gift card?

You will be given the gift card at the volunteer registration table.

If I want to donate supplies or sponsor a child, where can I do that?

We will have a donation box at each YMCA branch in July and August for backpacks and school supplies. You may make a monetary donation to the program at the Y or mail a check to the Y at 315 1st Ave NW, Suite 104 Hickory NC 28601 in care of Gerry Knox. All checks made payable to the YMCA of Catawba Valley identified for the Bright Beginnings Program.