

## Big Brother of the Year Essay

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My big brother, Andrew is special to me. Andrew takes me to do fun things, like when he takes me to the trampoline park, jumps with me and teaches me how to dunk the ball. He also works on things with me, like math. He doesn't just help me over Zoom, he helps me with work when we are in-person together. Andrew has taught me how to find common denominators in math and control my actions in life.

A memorable activity that my big brother and I did together was when he took me and my brother to a lawyer's office where they taught me a couple of things. The lawyers there taught me how many years it takes to become a lawyer and how they need to help a person with their case. That outing with Andrew made me want to be a lawyer when I grow up.

Covid-19 was hard on me and Andrew's match and it made me sad, because I couldn't see Andrew in person for a while. Andrew would still call me and we would video chat on Zoom a lot. This helped when we couldn't see each other because we could check in and talk instead of not seeing each other at all.

If I went through life never having a big brother like Andrew, I would not be able to control my actions and emotions. When Andrew became my big brother, he taught me to control my actions. In the future I want to be a NBA player or a lawyer ever since Andrew took me to a law firm. Something I have taught Andrew is how to do some math games.

The hardest thing in working with my big brother was getting close with him in the beginning, but after talking to him more and more, we got close. If other kids asked me about my experience and what it's like having a big brother through Big Brothers Big Sisters I would tell them that you get to do fun things, learn new things and have a good time. If another big brother was having trouble getting close with their little, I would tell them to talk to their little more.

I have a lot of memories with Andrew and he has made an impact on my life.