

SON OF A SAINT

INSPIRING MENTORSHIP AND TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF FATHERLESS BOYS

Son of a Saint Mentee Application Qualifications

Son of a Saint accepts young men who have reached age 10 - 12 during the timeframe of the application cycle or at the time of joining the organization.

Son of a Saint accepts young men who have lost a father due to death; long-term incarceration of 15 years or more left to serve, that can be verified; adoption by a single mother; or a young man whose father has been deported.

Son of a Saint does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), national origin (ancestry), disability, or socio-economic background, in any of its selection processes.

FAQs

- 1. Will the applicant qualify if his father is absent from his life or if the father lives out-of-town or out-of-state?**

Due to Son of a Saint's capacity limit, applicants with absent fathers do not meet the full qualifications. However, we do encourage you to seek out the other resources provided below.

- 2. How can an applicant be sure that they meet the age requirements?**

To be sure that the applicant meets the age requirements, ensure that they apply before they turn 13 or after the applicant has turned 10.

3. What if I am unable to determine the incarceration length of the applicant's father?

Son of a Saint does require verified documentation regarding fathers who are incarcerated. If you are unable to provide verification, the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements.

4. The applicant and family do not know who the father is, and the father is not listed on the birth certificate. Would the applicant qualify?

Due to limited capacity, this applicant does not meet the current eligibility criteria.

5. Will the applicant qualify if he was adopted by two mothers (either currently still together providing 2-parent home or separated)?

The applicant would qualify if there are no male adults in the household.

6. Does mentee live in the home with any of the following: grandfather, stepfather, mom's male partner, or uncle?

The applicant would not qualify, as there are male guardians in the home.

7. The candidate is behind or having challenges academically, can he still join?

There is no GPA requirement that must be met prior to joining the organization. However, mentees are required to maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA to remain active.

8. There is no form of reliable transportation. Would the applicant qualify?

While transportation does not disqualify an applicant, it will be a barrier to full participation in the program, which will ultimately affect them remaining active and in good standing.

9. The applicant has younger siblings in the same situation, if he is accepted does that mean that his younger brothers can be also?

Each sibling must apply, meet qualifications, and be evaluated for acceptance individually. There is no guarantee that multiple siblings will be accepted.

10. If accepted, what are the requirements of the mentee?

Once accepted into the program mentee must meet the following requirements: attend 2+ SOAS events each month, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and remain in good standing at school and home.

11. If accepted, what are the requirements of the mentee's guardian?

Active engagement from guardians is critical to a mentee's success and ongoing involvement with the organization. Most importantly, guardians should be actively engaged in communication with Son of a Saint staff. This includes regularly checking the app for events as well as responding to communication via email and phone. We expect guardians to support transportation for their child to attend 2+ SOAS events each month. Guardians are also expected to personally attend 2 of the 4 annual guardian meetings and volunteer at Po-Boy Fest in November.

12. If accepted, does the mentee get to select the mentor that he is paired with?

Our organization prioritizes mentees having a voice in the pairing process. After a mentee has been involved with Son of a Saint for three months, he will be eligible to be paired with a group or individual mentor.