



BE THE TREE

Holiday Giving Application

Be The Tree is a non-profit organization based in Frisco, Texas that serves the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Founded in 2012 with a simple idea: give hope and love to those in need. The holiday season can be a difficult one for many DFW youth and their families. Be the Tree recipients are given gifts that make the season special and gives them the ability to make the holiday season their own. These gifts allow them to purchase food and presents that they want, need and/or wouldn't be able to purchase on their own. In 2018 we are partnering with multiple schools in the area, and our goal is to give 10 trees.

Each year, recipients are chosen through an application that consists of an essay with answers to the questions below:

1. What is the greatest obstacle you have overcome on the road to High School Graduation? What steps have you taken to overcome the obstacle?
2. What are your plans for after high-school and why?
3. What does giving mean to you?
4. What item(s) are you most in need of, or would make your Christmas more special?
5. Who do you live with?
6. How do you get to school and/or work?
7. Do you have children?
 - a. If yes, what are their ages and genders?
8. What do you like to do for fun?
9. Where are some places you like to eat?
10. Do you have a cell phone?
 - a. If yes, iPhone or Android?

Applications and essays are due to the Be the Tree no later than **December 2nd, 2018**. All entries received will be evaluated and recipients chosen by Be The Tree. Email submissions to bethetree@hammis.com or online via our website at www.bethetree.net. **If you are under 18 we need your parent or guardian's approval to participate.**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Campus: _____

I declare that this essay is my original work and give permission to Be The Tree for it to be reprinted and used for educational/promotional purposes related to Be The Tree.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____ consent for my son/daughter to participate in the Be The Tree Holiday Giving and authorize the sponsors to reprint my son/daughter's essay, to photograph my son/daughter, and to reproduce my son/daughter's essay, photographs and videos for publicity and/or educational promotional purposes related to Be The Tree, including social media.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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