



Big Brothers Big Sisters
Association of Florida

BBBS Specialty License Plate Pre-Sale Voucher Redemption Procedure

Thank you for supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters by purchasing a pre-sale voucher for the BBBS Specialty License Plate. As of June 16, 2015 we received official confirmation that our pre-sale goal of 1,000 vouchers was met and the plate will be produced!

This document provides information on plate production, specialty plate fees and redeeming your voucher.

Plate Production

The materials for the plate production have been ordered and production of the plates will begin shortly. The entire production process takes approximately three to four months. Therefore, we are estimating that the plates will be available at the end of September / beginning of October.

Voucher Info & Fees

- The voucher covers the Specialty License Plate Fee (approximately \$35) for up to one year.
- The Specialty License Plate Fee is an annual fee due at the same time of your Vehicle Registration Renewal Fee.
- The voucher never expires, giving you flexibility as to when you redeem it.
- In order to get the full value of your voucher, it is advisable to wait until it is time to renew your vehicle registration and redeem your voucher at the same time.

Voucher Redemption Process

- Once production on the plates is near completion, you will receive a letter from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles informing you when the plate will be available at your local tax collector's office.
- You can redeem your voucher at any tax collector's office in the state of Florida. We suggest calling your tax collector in advance to ensure they have the plate in stock, as some offices carry more inventory than others.

- The Specialty License Plate Voucher Receipt is not required to redeem your voucher but if you have the receipt, bring it to the tax collector's office along with your Driver's License (required for voucher redemption).
- Tell the clerk you would like to redeem your voucher for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Specialty License Plate. Provide your Driver's License and your Voucher Receipt (if you have it, if not, your Driver's License is all you need).
- If you have multiple vehicles registered in your name, tell the clerk which vehicle you would like the BBBS Specialty License Plate assigned to (it is helpful to know the license plate number of the vehicle).
- The voucher covers the cost of the Specialty License Plate Fee for one year (approximately \$35).
- If you redeem your voucher for the BBBS Specialty License Plate before your current license plate is due to be replaced, you will be responsible for paying a New License Plate Fee of \$28. In addition, you will be responsible for any applicable fees (approximately \$10-15). If your current plate is 10 years old, you will be exempt from paying the New License Plate Fee.
- After payment is received, you will receive your BBBS Specialty Plate with a renewal sticker – the plate is now ready to be attached to your vehicle!

Redemption Options

To best understand your redemption options, please see the hypothetical scenario below.

Let's say the plate becomes available in October and your birthday is in December (when your Vehicle Registration fee is due) you have the following options:

- 1.** Immediately redeem your voucher and pay the New License Plate Fee (\$28 plus service fees). But come December, you will have to pay the Specialty License Plate Fee (approximately \$30) plus your regular Vehicle Registration Renewal Fee. You would have only received two months of value from your voucher.
- 2.** The State of Florida allows you to pay your Vehicle Registration Renewal Fee up to three months in advance. You could immediately redeem your voucher and pay your regular Vehicle Registration Renewal Fee at the same time. This would give you a full year's value of the voucher and save you a trip to the DMV in December.
- 3.** Wait until December when your Vehicle Registration Renewal Fee is due and simply redeem your voucher at the same time.

In summary, depending on how close your birth month falls to the when the plate is available, it may be cost effective to wait to redeem your voucher when your registration is up for renewal. When you choose to redeem your voucher is completely up to you but it is important to know that you have options.

Voucher / BBBS Specialty License Plate Purchases

- Vouchers for the BBBS Specialty License Plate will always be available for purchase. They are usually sold as gift certificates. For example, you could cover a friend's yearly Specialty License Plate fee by purchasing a voucher gift certificate.
- If you wanted to purchase the BBBS Specialty License Plate now (while the plate is in production), the only option is to purchase a voucher for the plate from your local tax collector's office.
- After the plate has been produced, you will have the option to purchase the actual plate and/or purchase vouchers for the plate.

Thanks for your Support!

We look forward to seeing BBBS Specialty License Plates on the road! By redeeming your voucher, you will be showing your support and marketing BBBS every time you drive! If you have any additional questions regarding your pre-sale voucher purchase or how to redeem it, please email Jody Clifford at: JodyClifford@bbbsflorida.org.