

# Ben Affleck Says Fatherhood Has Made Him a 'Richer Person'



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Actor and director aren't the only job descriptions on Ben Affleck's resume—he is also a father. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Affleck told reporters that raising his children are always his top priority. At the National Board of Review Awards Gala in New York City Jan. 8., the critically-acclaimed actor has three children: Violet, 7, Seraphina, 4, and son Samuel, 10 months. The 40-year-old director of *Argo* says the having a family is was makes you that much richer and it is wonderful to have people to share your life with. Affleck, who has been married to Jennifer Garner about eight years, also expressed his gratitude for the five Golden Globe Awards nominations that he received for *Argo*, including 'Best Score' and 'Best Picture.' Affleck told *Us Weekly* that he originally had low expectations for the movie and is thrilled with the response. The winners will be announced on Sunday.

**How do you know if your beau is Daddy material?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

When you're in a serious relationship, the baby talk is bound to come up sometime. You've seen your significant other interact with your younger cousins or siblings, but how do you really know that he would make a great father. Here are some ways that will help you know if he is Daddy material:

**1. He talks about having kids and gets excited:** Obviously women are hesitant to bring up the baby talk in a pre-marriage

relationship. However, you may find that your man constantly brings up having kids. He may even drop little hints like suggesting names he likes or talking about what your kids would look like. This is a sure-fire sign that he is definitely up for the Daddy role.

**2. He coaches a sport with small children:** If you guy is, or was, an athlete at some point in his life, chances are he either coaches a little league, or is thinking about doing so in the future. Go to some of his games or practices. Observe how he interacts with the kids. If he is super involved and can't stop talking about how much he enjoys the kids he coaches, looks like he may be on the father track. He's also getting a ton of practice.

**3. He is great with a friend or family member's kid:** So your friends or family members start having kids. Is your guy excited to go see them? Does he immediately interact with the child the moment he gets there? Guys that are comfortable around [children](#), and interact well with them, usually sport that 'dad gene.' If you are unsure, bring him around the small children in your friends or family circle.

**How do/did you know your beau would make a great dad? Share your ideas below.**