

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS

These guidelines are the result of years of experience with the issues involved. However, they are guidelines and there are bound to be exceptions to them. If you have any questions, please contact your Representative or Pre-Cursillo Chairperson.

COMMITMENT OF SPONSORSHIP:

1. Sponsorship is a commitment, not just an act of selection. Sponsorship means helping someone grow through the Cursillo experience and thereby reflect Christ in family, workplace, and community environments.
2. Recognizing that Cursillo is a gift of the Spirit, we should not ration this gift. Those who ***should*** make the Weekend are those who can help Christianize their environments. Those who meet the criteria for candidacy listed on the reverse side ***can*** make the weekend.
3. Sponsor should know the candidate personally, not just about the candidate. Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ. If any doubts exist about sponsoring an individual, the matter should be discussed with others such as your Representative.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. There should be no more than 6 candidates from a parish or community for a weekend.
2. Applications for husband and wife should be submitted together. In the case where both are eligible and both agree to attend the Cursillo, the question of who attends first is not important.
3. Where either spouse chooses not to make the Weekend, the sponsor will discuss this situation with the couple. The results will be made known to the Representative handling the application, who will follow the Couples Policy procedure.
4. To allow time for processing applications, the completed sponsor's and candidate's forms with deposit checks should be returned to the Representative at least three weeks prior to the weekend.

CRITERIA FOR SPONSORSHIP:

1. Sponsor should be active in Group Reunion and Ultreya. If sponsor is not, an active co-sponsor should be obtained.
2. New Cursillistas are encouraged to sponsor candidates for the weekend. However, if it is less than one year, they should obtain an experienced co-sponsor, such as their own sponsor, to help them through the process of introducing candidates to Cursillo.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPONSOR:

1. Sponsor obtains application and sponsor forms from the Representative or downloads them from the Cursillo Website (<http://natl-cursillo.org/newyork>). The sponsor is responsible for complete, accurate and honest information about the candidate. Also, the sponsor must be sure that the candidate's form is filled out completely and legibly, and that all the information is current. Information is used for the weekend and other Cursillo activities after the Weekend; all confidential information will be destroyed after the weekend.
2. The sponsor shall be responsible for the transportation of the candidate to and from the weekend and shall support the candidate through Palanca, Mañanita, Closing, etc. The sponsor should offer to help the candidate's family, such as providing baby-sitting during the weekend, if necessary.
3. The sponsor introduces the candidate to Group Reunion, Ultreya (not a prayer group) and School of Leaders. The sponsor explains Fourth Day activities to the candidate prior to the weekend and perseveres in encouraging the new Cursillista in these activities for at least one year following the weekend.
4. The sponsor must call the Pre-Cursillo Chairperson and/or Rector if the candidate cancels.
5. Sponsor must submit both forms (application form and sponsor form) to their Ultreya representative for signature.