

Episcopal Cursillo in the Diocese of North Carolina

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SPONSOR'S FORM

This form **must** accompany Participant's application and registration fee (\$55 or full payment).

Participant's name _____ applying for Cursillo # _____

Participant's address _____

Participant's email address _____ @ _____

Person to notify in event of emergency: Name _____

Phone # _____

Answer each of the following questions. You have an obligation to your Participant.

Have you reviewed the Sponsor's Guidelines on page 2 of this form, explained the pertaining guidelines to the Participant, and agreed to uphold all the requirements listed? YES NO

Have you explained the weekly Group Reunion and Ultreya to your Participant? YES NO

Are you prepared to support your Participant in the Fourth Day program? YES NO

Are you and your Participant prepared to attend the Day of Deeper Understanding? YES NO

Have you explained that the weekend is not a quiet retreat? YES NO

Please describe the Participant. Include comments that will help the lay rector know the Participant better. Include any health problems or restrictions. Explain in detail why you are recommending this Participant, be specific (use back of sheet if needed).

You must submit this form for your Participant to be considered. Your Participant will be notified when accepted for a particular weekend.

Please do not encourage your Participant to make plans before being notified of acceptance.

Please inform NC Cursillo Lay Rector immediately of any change in your Participant's status.

Sponsor's name (please print) _____ Signature _____

Sponsor's address _____

Sponsor's phone (home) _____ (office) _____

Sponsor's email address _____ @ _____ date ____/____/____

Application for Financial Aid

Complete this section only if your Participant needs financial assistance from the Scholarship Fund.

Please read the section on financial aid on the back of this form. You, the sponsor, must complete this application for financial aid.

The Participant's registration fee of \$55 is included. YES NO

The balance, of \$ _____ will be paid by (local source of funds) _____

The Participant will need \$ _____ from the Scholarship Fund.

I recommend this Participant for financial aid because _____

Sponsor's Guidelines

The role of the sponsor in the Cursillo movement is twofold. First, a sponsor seeks appropriate people to encourage attending a Cursillo weekend. Second, a sponsor responds prayerfully to associates who volunteer to attend a Cursillo weekend.

The role of a sponsor begins with assessing a person's potential for Christian leadership. Once the sponsor determines that a person will be a good Participant, the sponsor prays for the Participant, helps submit the applications, helps find funding, if needed, helps make household arrangements (who will watch the children, feed the pets, etc.), answers questions as fully as possible (since we are not a secretive entity), transports the Participant to and from the weekend, helps the new Cursillista find a reunion group, brings the new Cursillista to the Day of Deeper Understanding held a few weeks after the weekend, and otherwise gives personal palanca.

Should the sponsor discover some impediment which would make the Participant unsuitable, s/he should *not* let the Participant go to the weekend! A Participant struggling with emotional problems, financial distress, marriage difficulties, unexpected unemployment, etc., is too distracted to benefit from the talks and lessons of a weekend. Moreover, such a distracted person will intrude on other Participants' participation in the weekend.

In short, to sponsor a Participant is a time consuming thing. It is a blessed thing, but it is a significant commitment of energy and attention. Please do not take the responsibility lightly.

Sponsors and Participants must understand that the North Carolina Episcopal Cursillo is a movement of the Episcopal Church, under the authority of the Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina. **All Participants must be Episcopalians.** All religious teaching on the Cursillo weekend is consistent with the teaching of the Episcopal Church. All worship during the Cursillo weekend is from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. All baptized persons who believe in the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist may receive communion on the Cursillo weekend.

Sponsoring a Participant

1. Explain Cursillo to your Participant, answer questions, and help the Participant complete the application. Be sure that the Participant's clergy approves of the application.
2. Complete the Sponsor's Form (Page 1). If financial aid is needed, fill in the necessary information on the Sponsor's form.
3. Mail the Participant's application, \$55 registration fee (or complete payment), and Sponsor's Form. Nothing will happen until **all** the paperwork is received.

Sponsors:

- Pray for guidance.
- Know the goals and methods of Cursillo.
- Live the message of the weekend.
- Know the Participant well.
- Speak to God about the Participant - before speaking to the Participant about Cursillo.
- Explain that Cursillo expects a Christian recommitment.
- Explain the Fourth Day and its plan of continuing Christian fellowship.
- Make sure the Participant is going because he or she wants to, not as a favor to you.
- Invite the Participant to an Ultreya before attending the weekend.
- Arrange transportation for the Participant to and from the weekend.

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- Support the Participant with palanca and at the Closing.
 - Take the Participant to the Day of Deeper Understanding after the weekend.
 - See that the Participant finds a permanent group reunion and is introduced to their local Ultreya.

Participants:

- Desire to grow as a Christian.
- Be someone whose ideas and attitudes influence others.
- Have a willingness to listen, a friendly attitude, and a predisposition to change.
- Understand that Cursillo is not just a weekend, but is a pattern of more effective living.
- Be mature, responsible, and able to make his or her own decisions.

Financial Aid

If necessary, financial aid is available to assist with the fee. *It is your responsibility, as a sponsor, to explore potential sources of financial aid for all or part of the weekend's cost, prior to asking for assistance from NC Cursillo's Bishops' Fund.* These sources include your personal resources, other individuals, group reunion, local Ultreya, clergy, parish, and parish organizations. As the Secretariat believes that there is a greater benefit when there is a personal investment, Participants are encouraged to pay at least the registration (\$55) from their own resources.
