

East Tennessee Episcopal Cursillo - Sponsor's Form

Candidate's Name

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parish & City: _____

When and where did you attend Cursillo? _____

Do you attend a regular Reunion Group? _____

The Cursillo Weekend is an atmosphere of joy and Christian fellowship designed to build Christian leaders. As such, is not designed to give therapy to help the effects of a recent personal crisis or psychological problem. If this is the case, in the best interests of the candidate, you may want to seek the advice of his/her priest.

How long have you known the candidate? _____ Have you prayed about sponsoring this candidate? _____ Have you discussed Cursillo and the Fourth Day with your candidate? _____ Are you prepared to bring this person into a reunion group? _____ Is this person active in your parish? _____

Describe this person's leadership qualities: _____

Please tell us about this person's personality. This helps us to assign him/her to a Decuria table, and to help with any unanticipated issues about the weekend. Rate on a scale of 1 to 10:

Friendly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Reserved** **Optimistic** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Pessimistic**

Talker 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Listener** **Accepting** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Antagonistic**

Other Comments: _____

What is this person's attitude towards his/her spiritual life? _____

Do you know of any difficulties this person might have in completing the weekend? _____

Why do you recommend this candidate? _____

Thank you for sponsoring your friend!! Help is available for you as a sponsor. If for any reason the following cannot be accomplished by you, please contact the Lay Contact (Margaret Bickley at 865.384.7422) so that alternatives can be arranged. Please understand that the Sponsor's obligation toward their candidate should include the following:

- a) Pray about the person you want to sponsor.
- b) Talk to your rector or priest BEFORE you talk to your friend. The clergy often know pastoral or personal reasons why it is NOT the right time for someone to attend Cursillo.
- c) Discuss the physical arrangement of the weekend (life at Grace Point)- separate sleeping arrangements for couples, rules about alcohol, watches, silent retreat time, etc. Special dietary needs are taken care of as long as they are reported on the application form.
- d) Assist the candidate in getting to and from Grace Point - Offer a ride on Thursday night, check on issues of pet care / child care, etc.
- e) Support the candidate with Prayer and written Palanca (send to Margaret Bickley, address below). Gifts are not necessary, though they will be delivered by the team if you send them. Letters of support and love are a very important part of Cursillo.
- f) Come to Grace Point on Sunday at 3:00 for the Clausura and the closing tailgate party.
- g) Support the candidate by assistance in joining or forming a new Group Reunion and attending future area Ultreya with the candidate. This EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.
- h) Sponsors must help the candidate through the application process. The application process includes 3 completed forms: The candidate form, the sponsor form, and the Priest Form. The total cost per candidate for the Cursillo weekend is \$150.00. The candidate's registration fee is \$50.00 (paid by the candidate, sponsor, or other support (see below.)) The sponsor pays the balance of \$100.00. Candidate portion or Sponsorship funds may also be requested from the candidate's parish, reunion group, other Cursillistas. If funding is not available from the candidate, sponsor, parish, etc., there is a limited amount of scholarship funding available through the Cursillo community. This can be requested at the time of application.
- i) Sponsors are responsible for the completion and gathering of all forms (candidate, sponsor, and priest.) Additional forms are available on the diocesan website if needed (www.dioet.org/cursillo). Once the sponsor has gathered all three completed forms, please send these forms along with the funds to:

Margaret Bickley, Registrar ETEC #51
5408 Pincrest Road
Knoxville, TN, 37912

Please have all paperwork and checks to the Registrar by April 30, 2022.

For Questions or Unresolved Funding or other Issues, including late applications, contact:
 Margaret Bickley 865.384.7422, Jim Anderson 865.250.0858, or Deborah Clary 865.567.1091

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your support, as sponsorship is such an important part of the Cursillo method. Please let us know how you would like to be more involved in the Cursillo Community. We are always searching for help and encouraging cursillistas to consider serving in the community.