

Cursillo Sponsorship Application

Guidelines for Sponsorship for Oregon and SW Washington Episcopal Cursillo

Candidate Selection

1. Should be a baptized, practicing Christian at least 21 years of age, ideally a member of an Episcopal congregation.
2. Typically someone you know, but may be someone who wants to attend and lacks a sponsor.
3. Should be free of overwhelming stress (e.g., recent divorce, family death, emotional crises, serious illness). Usually a period of one year from the occurrence of the trauma is suggested.
4. Share how Cursillo touched your life and what it can mean to a person's life. Answer any and all questions they may have. Check the website for printable descriptions.
5. When the candidate is married/partnered, it is recommended that both partners be invited to attend Cursillo, because the experience is intended to be shared. But okay for one.
6. Submit the Candidate Application and the Sponsor Application ASAP to the Treasurer (who acts as Registrar) and let the Rector/a know ASAP if a candidate cannot attend
7. Generally, sponsor one, maybe two candidates at a time. If you have more, have someone co-sponsor with you. Share the fun.

For your candidate's Weekend, your responsibilities are as follows:

1. To arrange for personal palanca
 - a. Palanca is prayer – in all forms. Authentic palanca is prayer and selfless acts of love.
 - b. Pray daily for the Team and the candidates – especially yours. Sign up for the Prayer Vigil (see Facebook or website for location).
 - c. It is essential that your candidate hear from family, friends, their congregation.
 - d. There will be two “palanca drops” – Friday and Saturday.
2. To speak personally with your candidate in the week before the Cursillo Weekend, to help with spiritual, emotional, and logistical preparation.
 - a. Remind them of the living, sleeping, and eating arrangements, namely close quarters, possibly no showers for three days, and casual dress. Spouses sleep separately.
 - b. Needed items: Depending on facility, sleeping bag or bedding, air mattress, pillow, toiletries and towel. Give them any checklists that have been provided.
3. To offer to assist the candidate with any family or household needs during the Weekend.
4. To provide or arrange transportation to the Weekend at the designated start time on Thursday evening (typically 7pm).
5. To attend Mananitas at the designated time.
6. To attend Clausura at the designated time, typically 2:30pm on Sunday.
7. To take the new Cursillista home, possibly to dinner or a local gathering of Cursillistas.

After the Weekend, your Fourth Day responsibilities:

1. To try to see that your candidate has a group reunion to attend.
2. To bring your candidate to the first Grand Ultreya/Beyond Day after the Weekend.
3. To try to meet with your candidate in the first year to assist in their Fourth Day development.
4. To attend Ultreyas and Clausuras whenever possible. Bring/go with your candidate.
5. To help connect your candidate with the Facebook group and Cursillo email list at the website.

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Please print very legibly. For couples, fill out a Candidate Application and Sponsor Application for each partner. Be sure to send in the Weekend fee (\$100 per candidate). The application is not complete until the fee is received. Be sure to obtain the person's clergy approval signature.

Candidate name _____

Candidate email _____

Sponsor name _____

Sponsor address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Sponsor phone _____

Sponsor email _____

Sponsor congregation _____

Year and Diocese of your Cursillo _____ / _____

Do you participate in a Group Reunion? Yes In the past Never have Want to

Do you attend Ultreyas? Yes In the past Never have

Clergy Endorsement

I believe this person to be prepared for a Cursillo Weekend, and that there are no emotional crises that would adversely affect this person. Yes No

Clergy signature _____ Date _____

Congregation _____ City _____ ST _____

Sponsor Agreement and Signature

Individual or Community contributions are responsible for covering the cost of the Weekend.

Weekend cost is \$100 – make check payable to Oregon Episcopal Cursillo

Payment options: Check enclosed Requesting scholarship

I have reviewed the Guidelines for Sponsorship and accept them.

Sponsor signature _____ Date _____

Please send check for \$100 and both the Candidate and Sponsor Application forms to the Treasurer:

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For additional information, consult the website: www.oregon-cursillo.org

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