

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITY GUIDELINES

As a Sponsor:

I am an active member in the CEC community (suggest at least 4-6 months) living the message of Christ through grouping and attending Avantis.

If unmarried, ***candidates must be at least 24 years of age.***

I will explain the purpose of the CEC movement and the expectations after the CEC weekend to the candidate before inviting them to the weekend. I will inform them well about living the life of a CEC community member after the weekend. I will tell them about Group and Avanti.

In an effort to support the marriage relationship, both spouses are to be registered by the sponsor at the same time and encouraged to attend the same set of weekends, or preferably within one year of one another. If the husband is signed up, the wife is encouraged to sign up for the women's weekend or preferably for a weekend within a year. If the wife is signed up, the husband is encouraged to sign up for a weekend preferably within a year. If one of the spouses does not or cannot register to attend a weekend, the Spiritual Director is to be contacted to request an exception.

I am also willing to follow through by ensuring the confirmation letter has been returned by the candidate promptly, by stressing it is more important to have a space reserved and later cancel than not to get on the weekend before it is full.

I am willing to make sure the candidate(s) can meet the physical demands of the weekend and I provide any appropriate information concerning unusual health, dietary, and/or physical needs.

I am willing to help with any left-behind responsibilities while my candidate is on the weekend. ***I will pray before, during and after the weekend*** for my candidate(s). ***I will write "kindling"*** and will provide or arrange transportation for my candidate to and from the weekend. ***I will attend the CEC Closing on Sunday evening.***

I am willing to keep in close contact with my candidate(s) after the weekend: invite them to an Avanti, especially the City Wide Avanti; help them get started in a Group; and check just to see how things are going in their life.

I am willing to have a co-sponsor if I am on the team, to help me fulfill all the above responsibilities.

Know your candidate well and know if they will have time for Christ. A candidate should be mature, stable in their walk of life and free from the burden of a recent loss like a death in the family or a divorce. Free from severe problems like an addiction to alcohol or drugs, or a terminal illness in their own life or of a family member. If you have any concerns with your candidates' readiness, you may want to speak with the President of Omaha Area Leadership Council or the CEC Spiritual Director.

If a candidate is a baptized Catholic, they must be practicing their faith, and be in a valid marriage, if married. If a candidate is not Catholic, they must be at least willing to grow in a relationship with God. Non-Catholic candidates should know that the weekend is Catholic in its content, in its direction, and in its prayer services, but people of other faiths are welcome to join in and take part in everything except our Communion Services.