

# NC Episcopal Cursillo

## Sponsor Application

Mail to: Cursillo c/o Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, 200 W. Morgan St., Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27601

**Please note, this form must be accompanied by a Pilgrim Application and the Pilgrim Fee (\$150).**

### Sponsor Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name & City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Pilgrim Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name & City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor Obligations

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

Have you reviewed the sponsor's guidelines in this form and agree to uphold all the requirements listed? YES NO

Have you explained the weekly group reunion and Ultreya to your Pilgrim? YES NO

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

Are you and your Pilgrim prepared to attend the Diocesan Grand Ultreya two weeks after the Weekend? YES NO

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

Will you be bringing your Pilgrim to the Weekend? If no, please use the space below to note how your Pilgrim will be traveling. YES NO

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To help the team know the Pilgrim better, describe him or her. Include health problems or restrictions. Explain in detail why you recommend this Pilgrim. Be specific; use back of sheet if needed.

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To be considered, a Pilgrim must also complete a Pilgrim Application. He or she will be notified when accepted for a weekend. Please inform the Cursillo weekend leader immediately of any change in your Pilgrim's status.

**Sponsor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Application for Financial Aid

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

Please read the section on financial aid later in this form. You, the Sponsor, must complete this application for financial aid. The total cost of this weekend for a Pilgrim is \$75.

The Pilgrim's deposit is included with this application?      YES      NO  
        

The balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in amount), will be paid by \_\_\_\_\_ (local source of funds).

The Pilgrim will need \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the Scholarship Fund.

I recommend this Pilgrim for financial aid because of the following:

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## Sponsor 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 Pilgrim, the sponsor prays for the Pilgrim, helps submit the applications, helps find financial support, if needed, helps make household arrangements (watching the children, feeding the pets, etc.) and answers questions as fully as possible (because we are not a secretive entity). The sponsor transports the Pilgrim to and from the weekend, helps the new Cursillista find a reunion group, takes the new Cursillista to the Diocesan Grand Ultreya (formerly 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 Pilgrim unsuitable, she/he should *not* let the Pilgrim go to the weekend! A Pilgrim 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 Pilgrims' participation in the weekend.

Sponsoring a Pilgrim is time-consuming and a blessing. Sponsoring a Pilgrim is a significant commitment of energy and attention. Please do not take the responsibility lightly.

Sponsors and Pilgrims must understand that 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 or members of denominations in good standing with The Episcopal Church. 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 PILGRIM

1. Explain Cursillo to your Pilgrim, answer questions, and help them complete the application. Be sure that the Pilgrim's clergy approves of the application.
2. Complete the sponsor's form on Page 1. If financial aid is needed, fill in the necessary information on the sponsor's form.
3. Mail the Pilgrim's application, deposit (or complete payment), and sponsor's form to the address on the

top of Page 1. Nothing will happen until all the paperwork is received.

### SPONSORS ROLE

- Pray for guidance.
- Know the goals and methods of Cursillo.
- Live the message of the weekend.
- Know the pilgrim well.
- Speak to God about the pilgrim before speaking to the pilgrim about Cursillo.
- Explain that Cursillo expects a Christian recommitment.
- Explain the Fourth Day and its plan of continuing Christian fellowship.
- Make sure the Pilgrim is going because he or she wants to, not as a favor to you.
- Invite the Pilgrim to an Ultreya before attending the weekend.
- Make sure the Pilgrim understands that alcoholic beverages are forbidden on the weekend.
- Arrange transportation for the Pilgrim to and from the weekend.
- Support the Pilgrim with palanca and at the closing.
- Take the Pilgrim to the Diocesan Grand Ultreya after the weekend.
- See that the Pilgrim finds a permanent group reunion and is introduced to the local Ultreya.

### PILGRIMS ROLE:

- Desire to grow as a Christian.
- Want their ideas and attitudes to influence others.
- Have a willingness to listen, a friendly attitude, and a predisposition to change.
- Understand that Cursillo is not just a weekend, but a pattern of more effective living.
- Is 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, before asking for assistance from N.C. Cursillo's Scholarship Fund. These sources include your personal resources, other individuals, group reunion, and local Ultreya, clergy, parish, and parish organizations. Because the Secretariat believes that there is a greater benefit when there is a personal investment, Pilgrims are encouraged to pay at least the deposit from their own resources