

NC Episcopal Cursillo

Sponsor Application

Mail to: NC Cursillo, c/o Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, 4800 Six Forks Rd, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27609
OR deliver to Weekend Team Leader.

This form must be accompanied by a Pilgrim Application and a deposit for the Pilgrim Fee (\$100 of \$250).

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

Have you reviewed the sponsor's guidelines in this form and agree to uphold all the requirements listed? YES NO
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Have you discussed Group Reunion and Ultreya to your Pilgrim? YES NO
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Are you prepared to support your Pilgrim in the Fourth Day? YES NO
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Are you and your Pilgrim prepared to attend the Diocesan Grand Ultreya two weeks after the Weekend? YES NO
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Have you explained the flow of the Weekend and that it is not a quiet retreat? YES NO
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Will you provide transportation for your Pilgrim to and from the Weekend? YES NO
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If no, please let us know how your Pilgrim will be traveling:

To help the team know the Pilgrim better and accommodate their needs, describe them and their interests. Include physical ability, allergies/dietary restrictions, emotional needs. Explain why you recommend this Pilgrim. Be specific; use back of sheet if needed.

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 "Financial Aid" at the end of this form. You, the Sponsor, must complete this portion of the application for financial aid.

The total cost of this weekend for a Pilgrim is \$250. A deposit of \$100 should be included with this application. Checks must be made to **Episcopal Diocese of NC** with "NC Cursillo Weekend # 112" in the memo and mailed to the address at the top of this form or hand delivered to Weekend Leader or team member.

Is the Pilgrim's deposit included with this application? YES NO
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An amount of \$_____ will be paid by _____ (name)

E-mail and phone of person providing funding _____

The Pilgrim requests \$_____ from the Scholarship Fund.

I support this Pilgrim for financial assistance because:

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