

**VIDA NUEVA SPONSOR FORM
(Candidate Reference Form)**

Please read the following very carefully before sponsoring a candidate on a Vida Nueva Weekend.

Vida Nueva is a Christ centered weekend that strives to bring the candidates into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

A sponsor plays a very important role in the VN weekend experience. Sponsorship must not be taken lightly. As a sponsor, you are making a commitment to the candidate before, during, and after the weekend. If you're not willing or unable to make that commitment and fulfill the responsibilities listed below, you should not be a sponsor.

Sponsorship Responsibilities:

1. Ensure that the candidate completes their portion of the application and returns it to you.
2. Complete the sponsor portion of the VN application and ensure that both forms are returned to the application coordinator (see other side) a minimum of 1 week prior to the start of the weekend. The candidate should not see the completed sponsor form. Deadline is 5:00PM Wednesday, a week before the weekend is being held.
3. Ensure that the candidate has transportation to and from the weekend and that they arrive on schedule.
4. Support the candidate with your prayers and Palanca letter. Other Palanca can include general Palanca to the entire weekend, music Palanca, serving a meal, etc...
5. If you are not the parent, ensure that the parents provide Palanca support. It's very important that the parents know in advance that they are expected to write a Palanca love letter to their son or daughter. This is to be made available to the team when the candidate arrives on the weekend. If the parents are unfamiliar with Palanca, you should explain this part of the weekend to them. It is very important that every candidate receive a love letter from their parents.
6. Attend the Hoot and ensure that the candidate's parents attend the hoot.
7. Answer any questions that the candidates or their parents may have about the weekend.
8. Support the candidate after the weekend by bringing them to reunions and other VN activities.
9. Give them ongoing encouragement and assist them in their walk with the Lord. Help them to find Christian fellowship.
10. Remind parents that certain aspects of the weekend are meant to be surprises to the candidates and to do their best in keeping them surprises. Additional information is mailed to the parents once the application and sponsor form are received.

Please consider the following when making a decision to sponsor a candidate:

1. Recognize that Vida Nueva is not for everyone. Have I prayerfully considered whether or not VN is right for this candidate? Should I consult others who have been sponsors and who know the candidate?
2. Is this the right time for the candidate?
3. Have I honestly looked at my reasons for sponsoring?
4. Do I know the person well enough to complete the application and to complete the other responsibilities as their sponsor?

I have read the above and agree to fulfill the sponsor's commitments and responsibilities. I have completed my candidate's application:

Sponsor's Signature _____

Print Clearly:

Sponsor's Name _____ Phone No. (_____) _____

Candidate's Name _____

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PLEASE READ THE OTHER SIDE (PAGE 1) OF THE FORM BEFORE COMPLETING

Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name and Address _____

Relationship of Sponsor to Candidate _____

Sponsor Signature _____ **Phone Number** _____

EXERCISE OF LEADERSHIP (Check one)

☐ Poor ☐ Below Average ☐ Average ☐ Above Average ☐ Very Good

AREAS OF LEADERSHIP (Check all that apply)

☐ Athletic ☐ Student ☐ Academic ☐ Social ☐ Apostolic ☐ Government ☐ Service

MATURITY (Check one): ☐ Very Immature ☐ Immature ☐ Average ☐ Above Average ☐ Very Mature

PSYCHOLOGICAL ADJUSTMENT (Check one)

☐ Poorly Adjusted ☐ Below Average ☐ Average ☐ Above Average ☐ Very Well Adjusted

ABILITY TO RELATE TO OTHER YOUTH (Check one)

☐ Poor ☐ Below Average ☐ Average ☐ Above Average ☐ Very Good

ABILITY TO RELATE TO ADULTS (Check one)

☐ Poor ☐ Below Average ☐ Average ☐ Above Average ☐ Very Good

HOW WOULD YOU RATE THIS CANDIDATE AS A TABLE DISCUSSION LEADER? (Check one)

☐ Poor ☐ Below Average ☐ Average ☐ Above Average ☐ Very Good

HOW DOES THIS CANDIDATE RELATE TO THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH? (Check one)

☐ Very Antagonistic ☐ Antagonistic ☐ Apathetic ☐ Positive ☐ Enthusiastic

WHAT IS THIS CANDIDATE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION? (Check one)

☐ Very Antagonistic ☐ Antagonistic ☐ Apathetic ☐ Positive ☐ Enthusiastic

FAMILY (Check all that apply) ☐ Sound/Firm ☐ Broken Marriage ☐ Deceased Parent ☐ Only Child

☐ Strong Parental Interest ☐ Apostolic ☐ Weak Family Ties

Enclose any additional comments which might help the VIDA NUEVA team members be aware and sensitive to the needs of your candidate: _____

NOTE: Deadline for applications is 5:00PM on the Wednesday, a week before the weekend is being held.

Mail completed candidate and sponsor forms with enclosures to the Applications Coordinator:

Wendy Hempel
407 Lasher Road
Tivoli, NY 12583

Phone: 845-756-2468
Email: applications@mhvn.org

More information will
be sent upon receipt of
this application