

Richmond Emmaus Community Sponsorship Checklist

Because sponsorship is one of the most important tasks that you will undertake as a member of your Emmaus Community, this checklist has been prepared to ensure that you will provide, as a sponsor, a firm foundation for your Pilgrim's continued spiritual growth. Do not be surprised if you still have questions about sponsorship. Members of your Emmaus Board of Directors stand ready to guide you in sponsorship when you are ready.

1. I have attended an Emmaus Weekend or equivalent.
2. I have attended a Richmond Emmaus Community 4th Day Training (Day of Deeper Understanding)
3. I can afford to pay the sponsorship fee (currently \$190 for a Richmond Walk).
4. I am ready to accept the responsibility of sponsoring a potential Pilgrim on an Emmaus weekend.
5. I have prayed for discernment on potential sponsorship of a Pilgrim.
6. I am convinced that my potential Pilgrim desires to attend a weekend and is not merely agreeing to attend based on pressure from me or from her/his family.
7. I have read the "wise" and "unwise" section on sponsorship and I believe that my potential Pilgrim meets the criteria for being a good candidate.
8. I have provided a partially completed application form to the Pilgrim and have encouraged her/him to complete the form and return it to me. (Pilgrim pays the application fee)
9. I have the support of the Pilgrim's friends and family so I may obtain from them additional names and addresses of friends and other family members of the Pilgrim so I may solicit Agape for the Pilgrim.
10. I have a copy of the suggested Agape solicitation letter (available on the website).
11. I am able to solicit the Agape with sufficient time for people to respond. [They understand that the Agape is to be returned to me and not mailed directly to the Pilgrim] I will support my Pilgrim with personal Agape, also.
12. I am capable of collecting the Pilgrim and taking her/him to the site of the Emmaus weekend.
13. I understand the absolute mandatory requirement to deliver my Pilgrim to the site of the Emmaus weekend on time. **The importance of this cannot be overstated.** If I elect to take my Pilgrim to dinner (typical) before delivering her/him to the Walk site, I will pick my Pilgrim up early enough to allow for travel time and dinner.
14. I am capable of supporting the Pilgrim throughout the Weekend with prayer and to attend the Sponsor's Hour (Thursday night), Candlelight (Saturday night), and Closing (Sunday afternoon) and to return the Pilgrim to her/his family after the Walk.
15. I have alerted both the Pilgrim and the Pilgrim's family that a dinner may follow the Closing and have given an approximate time for the Pilgrim's return to family.
16. I am prepared to both invite and take (or arrange for transport for) my Pilgrim to a 4th Day Training (Day of Deeper Understanding).
17. I will encourage my Pilgrim to join or start a reunion group.
18. I will contact my Pilgrim periodically to ensure that her/his questions are answered as one more way of providing spiritual care.