



## Certificate of Eligibility for the Sacrament of Confirmation

The sponsor assumes an important role in the life of the newly confirmed person. Sponsors pray regularly for the newly confirmed, they give a good example of Catholic Christian living, and they encourage the religious education and development of the newly confirmed person. In short, the sponsor represents the Church in the life of the newly confirmed person.

Since the sponsor's role is important, the Church has established basic and minimum requirements that must be met for a person to act as a sponsor. A person who acts as a sponsor:

1. Must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Is required to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion, and continues to practice a Sacramental life (regular reception of the sacraments of Holy Communion and Penance).
3. Should be leading a life in harmony with the Catholic faith (i.e., if married, a valid Catholic marriage, registered in a parish, etc.).
4. May NOT be the parent of the confirmand. *However, the parents can stand in as the proxy in the event the sponsor cannot attend.*

If you accept the role of sponsor and you meet all the requirements listed, kindly complete this form, and have **your** parish priest **SIGN** and **PLACE THE PARISH SEAL** in the space provided below. It is helpful to call the particular rectory first to learn the most convenient time and place to have the form signed and sealed.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE. ATTN: Lauren Finore**

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parish of Registration \_\_\_\_\_

### **Declaration of Sponsor**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*Sponsor's name*) am a practicing Catholic who meets all the requirements to be a sponsor for:

(*Name of Candidate*) \_\_\_\_\_.

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*(Priest Signature)* (PARISH SEAL)