

Bread of Life Walk to Emmaus
SPONSOR'S FORM - TO BE FILLED OUT BY SPONSOR
EACH APPLICATION REQUIRES A SEPARATE SPONSOR'S FORM

Name of Candidate _____

Your Name _____ Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Your E-mail Address _____

Phone: Cell Phone (_____) _____ Daytime (_____) _____ Evening (_____) _____

Name & Denomination of Church you now attend: _____

Do you attend regularly? _____ When did you make your Emmaus/Cursillo Walk? _____

How many candidates have you sponsored in the last year? _____ Have you attended Sponsorship

Training? _____ If so, where & when? _____ Do you receive the *Crumbs*? _____

Will you be praying and sacrificing for your candidate? _____ How long have you known your

candidate? _____ Why do you feel this person would be a good candidate (please describe in detail)? _____

Will your candidate require a cot? _____

Is the candidate physically able to participate in the full Emmaus weekend? _____ Yes _____ No

Is the candidate mentally able to participate in an Emmaus weekend? _____ Yes _____ No

Is the candidate under any temporary emotional strain that might indicate his/her weekend should be postponed?

_____ No _____ Yes If yes, describe in detail _____

Will you assist the candidate to get into a reunion group? _____ Will your candidate's spouse attend the same set of Walks? _____ **If NO, a detailed, written explanation is required in order for the application to be considered.**

Please see 'Equal Commitment Rule' on page 2 of this form. Have you discussed the Emmaus walk with his/her spouse? _____

Will you: Bring the candidate to send-off? _____ Attend sponsor's hour? _____

Attend the Saturday night candlelight? _____ Attend the closing? _____

Collect agape letters for the candidate to receive on Sunday of the Walk? _____

Can you care for the needs of your candidate's family over the weekend? _____

Will you accompany the candidate to the community gathering following their Walk? _____

Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with your candidate during the weekend, especially if the candidate is your spouse? _____ Are you willing and able to make the commitment required to fulfill the responsibilities of being a sponsor?

- ❖ Pray for your pilgrim and be available to answer questions
- ❖ Personally bring pilgrim(s) to "Send Off"
- ❖ Attend Sponsor's Hour
- ❖ Attend Candlelight (make sure spouse attends if they have completed their Walk)
- ❖ Attend Closing (make sure spouse attends if they have completed their Walk)
- ❖ Help your pilgrim to get going on their "4th Day" – Reunion group, monthly gatherings, Walk support

I have read the Sponsor's Responsibilities and Obligations on the reverse side of this form and agree to fulfill them:

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

Mail completed form, candidate's application and deposit to:

The Director of Registration
Bread of Life Emmaus
233 W Hwy 96
Leoti, KS 67861

Sponsor's Responsibilities and Obligations

When you have a prospective pilgrim in mind, follow these suggested steps, keeping in mind that the weekend is for those who are actively participating in a local congregation.

SPONSORING

- ❖ PRAY: Prayer should be focused on how this person can become a more vitally alive Christian in helping bring God's kingdom into his/her natural environment, rather than how to get this person to attend the weekend.
- ❖ EQUAL COMMITMENT RULE: Says, "Husbands and wives should make an equal commitment to attendance in the Walk." Reasons why this is important: (1) Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage. (2) It guards against the Emmaus experience becoming a separating influence in a marriage. Applications without a detailed, written explanation will not be considered.
- ❖ APPOINTMENT: Make an appointment to make the invitation. If married, be sure to include the spouse. Make it a personal invitation to enrich their lives and thus become a more effective disciple.
- ❖ THE INVITATION: After sharing your own experience, make sure the person knows your invitation is to a more vitally alive relationship with Jesus Christ, not just to attend a weekend. You should carefully explain each of the following: a) Reunion Groups, b) Monthly Gatherings, c) Renewed interest in serving one's own church, d) Scholarship Program.
- ❖ APPLICATION: Have pilgrim's registration form(s) filled out in your presence, answering any questions they may have. If married, each spouse must fill out a separate form. Make arrangements for the \$25 nonrefundable deposit, (the balance due must be made at Send Off). Later fill out the sponsor's form and mail both with the deposit to Bread of Life Emmaus as quickly as possible. If all blanks are not filled on both forms, they will be returned as incomplete.
- ❖ CONTINUING PREPARATION: Continue to pray for and stay close to your candidate(s) to answer any questions that may arise. If the person's pastor has not attended, you will want to explain the Walk and enlist prayers and support. Help the pastor visualize how this spiritually renewed person can be used in the ministry of the church.

THE WEEKEND

- ❖ Send Off: It is very important that you personally bring the pilgrim to Send Off.
- ❖ Candlelight: This is often the highlight of the weekend so plan to be there to support your pilgrim, and make sure spouses attend if they have been on their Walk.
- ❖ Closing: Be there ready to hug and welcome your pilgrim to the community. Plan to return them to their home at the end of the weekend.

FOURTH DAY

- ❖ Contact your pilgrims on Monday, helping him/her digest the experience. Continue to pray for them and their family.
- ❖ Reunion Group: Make sure your pilgrim gets into a reunion group. Invite them to come to yours, or advise them of others you are aware of. This is perhaps the most important aspect of remaining active in Emmaus. It is part of your responsibility to help the pilgrim find a suitable group.
- ❖ Gatherings: Offer to bring your pilgrim(s) to the next few monthly gathering following their Walk. Inform them of satellite community gatherings as well as the Bread of Life community meetings.
- ❖ Church: Make sure the pilgrim goes back to their church with an enthusiastic, positive, supportive attitude.
- ❖ Emmaus Community: Help the person understand how the community functions and explain ways they can serve the community.
- ❖ Sponsoring: Help them to remember a community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, and the Walk is not a hospital where every human ill can be cured. Help them discern the people who would respond to a weekend of love and thus become more vitally alive in their church, home, vocation, and community. Help them with all steps of sponsoring others the first time through.

It is your responsibility as a sponsor to commit to following these steps!

If you cannot personally fulfill some of the steps, it is your responsibility to have someone else fill in.