

SPONSORS PLEASE REVIEW THIS PAGE BEFORE TALKING TO YOUR PILGRIM APPLICANT

Sponsor Application Guide

The following information is meant to serve as a guide for sponsoring someone to attend the Walk to Emmaus.

- **Pray!** Ask God for His guidance in your desire to be a sponsor. Ask God to guide you to the right person to sponsor. Keep in mind that, per Upper Room guidance in the “***SPONSORSHIP***” booklet, a person new to Christianity or a person who is in the process of visiting several churches (a church-hopper) ***should not*** be considered as candidates. You should be considering someone who is established in a church, attends regularly, and is looking for that next deep step of faith.
- A “***SPONSORSHIP***” booklet with all of a Sponsor’s responsibilities for the walk and after can be obtained from the Community Publications Coordinator. Contact information is located under the “Board” tab on the website (www.graceemmaus.com).
- Invite the prospective Pilgrim Applicant to meet with you so that you can explain the Walk, including the cost. If they are interested enough to say yes, then have the same informational conversation with the spouse, where there is one, so that both have an awareness of the impact of the weekend. Emphasize the time frame of 72 hours and the need to be in attendance for the entire Walk. Also point out that they will be provided with contact information should an emergency arise. Be prepared to answer their questions.
- Guide the pilgrim through the paper application. ***PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY*** so that all information is legible. This is especially important for phone numbers, addresses, email and medication instructions. Complete your portion of the application at the same time, if it is convenient to do so.
- There are spaces for three signatures on the application – applicant, applicant’s pastor, and the sponsor. The pastor’s signature is not “consent” to attend; it merely indicates that he/she is aware that a person from their congregation will be attending this renewal weekend. If an application is received without all three signatures ***it will be returned to the sponsor***, and the process will be delayed. In the situation where a walk is full, this could mean that someone does not get registered and must wait for either an opening due to cancellation or for the next walk.
- The current registration fee is \$165.00 and preferably is **due with the application**. If this creates hardship then a minimum \$50.00 **nonrefundable deposit** must accompany the application in order for the candidate to be registered for the walk. The balance of the cost will be due by check-in at the camp on the first evening of the walk. An application will not be processed until at least the deposit is received. Make checks or money orders payable to “G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community”.
- Once the entire application is completed, send it and the appropriate check to **G.R.A.C.E. Registrar, P.O. Box 132212, Tyler, TX 75713-2212**. When all is received the applicant and sponsor will be contacted by the Registrar.