

Tres Dias Sponsorship Guidelines

Sponsorship is a vital part of the Tres Dias movement, if the community is to grow spiritually and numerically. The only way a person may become a candidate is to be sponsored by a Pescadore. Because sponsorship is a serious responsibility, the sponsor should seek God's will and guidance through prayer as to whom to sponsor and be sensitive in approaching a potential candidate. As required for potential candidates, sponsors should be living a lifestyle becoming to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, His or the Church's teachings.

The Tres Dias movement endeavors to bring Christians to a closer relationship with their Lord Jesus Christ and encourage them to Christian leadership and Apostolic Action in their environments. There are three sequential phases to the Tres Dias experience:

1. The Pre-weekend
2. The weekend
3. The Fourth Day

The weekend will not produce a permanent effect without Fourth Day involvement, and therefore, the sponsor should 'sponsor' the prospective candidate through all phases of the Tres Dias Movement, rather than just the weekend. The sponsor must encourage growth after the weekend by helping the new Pescadore to apply the principles of piety, study and action.

- Sponsors should be active in the Tres Dias community for **six months** before submitting an application for sponsorship.
- A sponsor shall be permitted only one candidate per weekend. However, each partner of a married couple may sponsor a separate individual on the same weekend.
- Candidates must be at least 21 years of age.
- If the candidate is a married male, the husband and wife's applications should be submitted together
- The sponsor should discuss with potential candidates whether or not they have counseled with their pastor regarding the weekend.
- If the candidate is a married female, it is the policy of Tres Dias that the husband must first make his Tres Dias weekend. Exceptions will be considered **only in extenuating circumstances** and only upon special petition

(to be submitted with the application) by the sponsor.

- Sponsors should ask themselves if the potential candidate is a Christian who is open and seeking to share in a full Christian life. The weekend is an encounter with Jesus and intended to develop Christian leadership. It is not a weekend intended to convert or preach Christ to people who do not know Him.
- The sponsor should be aware of any special needs of the candidate, i.e., dietary, medical, physical, emotional.
- While we all have our concerns, **deep emotional or physical problems should not be brought to the weekend in hope of a quick cure.** If the candidate has recently been through a divorce, widowed, entered addiction treatment, released from a correctional facility, or other life changing event, it is highly recommended that the candidate wait at least one year prior to submitting an application. **the weekend is not sensitivity training nor group therapy experience**
- Applications are discouraged for candidates residing outside the Tri-State Tres Dias geographic area if the candidate will not be able to have the post-weekend support of a Tres Dias community. If there is a Tres Dias community in the area where the candidate resides, the sponsor is encouraged to have the candidate attend a weekend in his/her local community. Exceptions will only be granted in extenuating circumstances and only with a special petition (to be submitted with the application) by the sponsor.

The primary responsibility of the sponsor is to pray for the candidate prior to and during the weekend. The sponsor should also be prepared to:

1. provide transportation to and from the weekend. Upon arrival a few minutes before 6 p.m. the Thursday evening of the weekend, you will entrust the candidate to a greeter and proceed directly to the chapel for the sponsor service at 6:15 pm. Sponsor should not go into the dining room, halls, or candidate's room.
2. if necessary, assist the candidate's family during and after the weekend
3. provide for any special needs of the candidate during the weekend, and
4. assist the candidate in finding a Reunion group.

SPONSOR'S APPLICATION FORM FOR TRES DIAS

All information on this application will be treated with respect. This form must be completed and SUBMITTED WITH CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION before a candidate can be accepted for Tres Dias. **MARRIED COUPLES MUST APPLY TOGETHER.** The current cost of the weekend, effective Spring 2015, is \$150.00 per applicant.

Today's Date: _____

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____

Why do you think this candidate should make Tres Dias?

How well do you know the candidate? _____

How would you describe the candidate? (Leader/Follower/Quiet/Outgoing, etc.) _____

To your knowledge, does the candidate have any problems that would limit his/her participation in the weekend?

If yes, explain _____

Sponsorship must be viewed as a total commitment, not just a gesture of friendship. Sponsorship means that you commit to helping someone become more of a leader for Christ through the Tres Dias experience.

As a sponsor, I attest or commit to the following:

YES / NO 1.) The candidate is at least 21 years of age.

YES / NO 2.) I recognize that Tres Dias is not for everyone. Offering Tres Dias to someone comes only after I am willing to make a significant commitment to that person.

YES / NO 3.) I have honestly looked at my reasons for sponsoring.

YES / NO 4.) I know the person not just about him/her.

YES / NO 5.) Husband and wife are submitting applications together.

YES / NO 6.) I have prayed for guidance and sought counsel with other experienced Pescadores about this candidate.

YES / NO 7.) I am willing to make a significant commitment to my candidate, both during and after the weekend, including assisting him/her in starting/joining a reunion group

Specifically, what support will you provide the candidate during and after his/her Tres Dias weekend?

YOUR NAME: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Your Congregation: _____

When and where did you make your Tres Dias, Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus? _____

Are you active in a Christian Accountability Group? **YES / NO**

Signature: _____

Mail Applications to: Applications Chairperson
Carol Moore, 7988 Amhurst Drive, Newburgh, IN 47630; E-mail: carol00720@hotmail.com
Please include payment for the cost the weekend (\$150.00) if you are paying for the candidate, or include their payment for the weekend if they are paying themselves.
Make checks payable to: TRI-STATE TRES DIAS

CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION FOR TRES DIAS

A Tres Dias weekend provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on their faith while giving them insights into their important role within their own churches. Tres Dias is an instrument of spiritual renewal in that it seeks to develop Christian leaders and to form active Christian communities where they work and live. **All information on this application will be treated with respect. This information is needed to help plan weekend activities. If additional space is required, please use an extra sheet of paper.**

Today's DATE: _____

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Name preferred)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City/State) (Zip) (Area) (Phone#)

AGE (Min. 21 yr.): _____ MARITAL STATUS: _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

CONGREGATION CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____ PASTOR'S NAME: _____

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR? **YES / NO**

Does your pastor know you are planning to attend a Tres Dias weekend? **YES / NO**

Occupation: _____ Highest Educational Level: _____

Employer: _____

Hobbies/Interests (include musical talents): _____

Do you have any physical disabilities, emotional difficulties, stresses or chronic illnesses that might limit your participation in three full days of Tres Dias? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Do you require any type of special diet? _____

Have you experienced in the last 12 months, a traumatic life event such as, divorce, death of an immediate family member, incarceration or treatment for an addiction? **YES / NO**

Has your Sponsor explained the following about the weekend?

YES / NO 1. Interdenominational aspect

YES / NO 2. Types of worship services

YES / NO 3. Talks and group discussion

YES / NO 4. Private spiritual counsel available

YES / NO 5. Grouping

YES / NO 6. Commitment to your home church

YES / NO 7. Leadership of your environments

Please try to indicate in a brief statement why you wish to participate in the Tres Dias weekend and community and what you expect to gain from it:

I, _____, wish to apply to Tres Dias for participation in the following weekend:
(Applicant's signature)