

**VIDA NUEVA CANDIDATE REFERENCE FORM
SPONSOR FORM**

PLEASE READ THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FORM BEFORE COMPLETING.

Candidates Name: _____

Sponsor name and address _____

Relationship of Sponsor to Candidate _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ **Phone Number** _____

Check the most appropriate adjective:

EXERCISE OF LEADERSHIP (Very Little (Below Average (Average (Above Average (Very Much

AREAS OF LEADERSHIP (Athletic (Student (Academic (Social (Apostolic (Government (Service

MATURITY (Very Immature (Immature (Average (Above Average (Very Mature

PSYCHOLOGICAL ADJUSTMENT (Poorly Adjusted (Below Average (Average (Above Average (Very well adjusted

ABILITY TO RELATE TO OTHER YOUTH (Poor (Below Average (Average (Above Average (Very Good

ABILITY TO RELATE TO ADULTS (Poor (Below Average (Average (Above Average (Very Good

HOW WOULD YOU RATE THIS CANDIDATE AS A TABLE DISCUSSION LEADER?

(Very Poor (Poor (Average (Above Average (Very Good

HOW DOES THIS CANDIDATE RELATE TO THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH?

(Very Antagonistic (Antagonistic (Apathetic (Positive (Enthusiastic

WHAT IS THIS CANDIDATE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION?

(Very Antagonistic (Antagonistic (Apathetic (Positive (Enthusiastic

FAMILY (check all that apply): (Sound/Firm (Broken Marriage (Deceased Parent (Only Child

(Strong Parental Interest (Apostolic (Weak Family Ties

Enclose any additional comments which might help the VIDA NUEVA team members be aware and sensitive to the needs of your candidate. _____

Mail completed candidate and sponsor forms with enclosures to the Applications Coordinator:

Joan Murray
26 Cornell Avenue
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Phone: 845-758-5189
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More information will be sent upon receipt of this application.

SPONSORSHIP

Please read the following very carefully before sponsoring a candidate on a Vida Nueva Weekend.

Vida Nueva is a Christ centered weekend that strives to bring the candidates into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

A sponsor plays a very important role in the VN weekend experience. Sponsorship must not be taken lightly. As a sponsor you are making a commitment to the candidate before, during, and after the weekend. If you're not willing or unable to make that commitment and fulfill the responsibilities listed below, you should not be a sponsor.

Sponsorship Responsibilities:

1. Insure that the candidate completes their portion of the application and returns it to you.
2. Complete the sponsor portion of the VN application and insure that both forms are returned to the application coordinator (see other side) a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the start of the weekend. The candidate should not see the completed sponsor form.
3. Insure that the candidate has transportation to and from the weekend and that they arrive on schedule.
4. Support the candidate with your prayers and Palanca letter. Other Palanca can include general Palanca to the entire weekend, music Palanca, serving a meal, etc...
5. If you are not the parent, insure that the parents provide Palanca support. It's very important that the parents know in advance that they are expected to write a Palanca love letter to their son or daughter. This is to be made available to the team when the candidate arrives on the weekend. If the parents are unfamiliar with Palanca, you should explain this part of the weekend to them. It is very important that every candidate receive a love letter from their parents.
6. Attend the Hoot and insure that the candidate's parents attend the hoot.
7. Answer any questions that the candidates or their parents may have about the weekend.
8. Support the candidate after the weekend by bringing them to reunions and other VN activities.
9. Give them ongoing encouragement and assist them in their walk with the Lord. Help them to find Christian fellowship.

Please consider the following when making a decision to sponsor a candidate:

1. Recognize that Vida Nueva is not for everyone. Have I prayerfully considered whether or not VN is right for this candidate? Should I consult others who have been sponsors and who know the candidate?
2. Is this the right time for the candidate?
3. Have I honestly looked at my reasons for sponsoring?
4. Do I know the person well enough to complete the application and to complete the other responsibilities as their sponsor?

I have read the above, and agree to fulfill the sponsor's commitments and responsibilities. I have completed my candidate's application:

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Print Clearly:

Your name: _____ **Phone No. (____)** _____