

Sponsoring a Candidate

DeColores Ministries is a CHRIST centered short course in Christianity. The purpose of DeColores is to bring others to know Christ and spread HIS message of love and grace. **The greatest gift you can give to another individual is to sponsor them on a DeColores weekend.**

In sponsoring a candidate for a weekend, you need to be responsible for the person's well-being **before, during, and after** the weekend. If your candidate is ready to attend a weekend, give him or her an application to complete. You should complete the SPONSOR'S recommendation on page 2, and then return it along with the CANDIDATE'S form on page 1 and at least the \$10 application fee to the PO Box address identified below. DeColores is a non-profit organization and is operated solely on donations. The suggested donation to cover the cost of each candidate is \$75 from the sponsor. If you would like to send the \$10 application fee and the \$75 donation all at once you need only write one check for \$85.

When your candidate is selected, he or she will receive an invitation and you will receive notice of your candidate's invitation. Be sure your candidate responds in a timely manner as to whether he or she will attend the weekend.

At the start of the weekend on Thursday evening, **drive your candidate to the facility**. Make sure your candidate is settled and engaged in the welcoming reception in the dining area. Say your goodbyes and slip away to **attend the Sponsor's Chapel at 8 pm**. **It is important to attend the Sponsor's Chapel, because you will be lighting your candidate's candle at this chapel. During the weekend, support your candidate with prayers, (including 24 hour prayer), palanca, and perhaps by volunteering to help in the kitchen at a meal. And if necessary** be prepared to help the candidate's family at home with meals, babysitting, transportation, or any other family need.

You should attend Holy Hour and the Sunday church service, and strongly encourage your candidate's family to attend both. Answer any questions truthfully. You should definitely attend the community serenade and Closing on Sunday. Be prepared to drive your candidate home and spend some time talking about the weekend with him or her. Encourage and support his or her Fourth Day activities.

If for any reason you cannot fulfill your duties as a sponsor, please find someone willing to do them.

A FEW WORDS OF CAUTION: This weekend is not for everyone. People who are experiencing serious emotional issues such as separation, divorce, addiction or other serious challenges may find this weekend too overwhelming. You must decide what is best for your candidate.

Please consider your candidate's health limitations or physical restrictions in discussing the weekend with him or her. Special dietary requirements may necessitate the candidate or sponsor to coordinate with the Head Cook and provide the special dietary food items for the weekend.

**Mail applications to: DeColores Ministries
PO Box 150263
Grand Rapids MI 49515**

**see website for more info as well:
www.decoloresgr.org**

**Any questions? Contact the Pre-DeColores couple: Jim & Connie Manny, conniemanny1957@gmail.com or
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