

Mother Seton Parish  
School of Religion  
19551 Father Hurley Blvd.  
Germantown, MD 20874

**SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM**  
(Confirmation)

Any child or adult seeking Confirmation needs a **SPONSOR**. In baptism Sponsors are often called "Godparents". In Confirmation they are often called Sponsors. **PARENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE SPONSORS FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN.** A Sponsor is someone of strong faith in the Catholic tradition. S/he must be willing to make a commitment to the candidate for a sacrament, and guide that candidate in the area of spirituality. **A Sponsor must be at least 16 years old, and must be baptized, received First Holy Communion and confirmed in the Catholic Church, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church and the sponsor must be in right relationship with the Catholic Church.** This means that the Sponsor is registered in a parish, attends Mass and receives the sacraments regularly, and is able to share his/her faith openly and honestly with the candidate. A Sponsor does not have to be a member of this parish, or live in the local area. The Sponsor should be present at the Confirmation, but if this is not possible, a proxy may "stand in" for the Sponsor. If the Sponsor is not a registered member of this parish, his/her pastor must sign this form before it is returned to our office. **A CANDIDATE CAN NOT CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT IN OUR PARISH WITHOUT THIS FORM COMPLETED.**

*Please PRINT clearly*

CANDIDATE'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

SPONSOR'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR'S ATTESTATION:**

**I AFFIRM THAT, BY MY SIGNATURE, I AM ATTESTING TO THE TRUTH OF ALL THESE STATEMENTS.**

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**PASTOR'S ATTESTATION:**

**I DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE NAMED SPONSOR IS A BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED CATHOLIC, AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH, THEIR MARRIAGE IS VALID IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND IS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE ABOVE NAMED PARISH.**

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION BY MARCH 5, 2018**