



Office of Religious Education

St. James the Apostle Parish
490 South Park Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Sponsor Requirements & Eligibility Form

A sponsor is called to witness by his or her life how a Catholic Christian should live in today's world. Based on canon law, to perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the following conditions:

- There is to be only one male or female sponsor;
- Be 16 years of age or older by the date of the Confirmation;
- Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist;
- One who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- Not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism, one of the Godparents.

Once a sponsor, that meets the above criteria, has been chosen and accepted this honor; please have them take the following Sponsor Eligibility form to the parish where they are currently a registered parishioner to be signed and sealed. (This is not necessarily the parish where they were confirmed). After the parish priest or deacon has signed/sealed the form, then please return:

1. the **original** sponsor Confirmation eligibility form **and**
2. a copy of the sponsor's Confirmation certificate to the RE office to be recorded.

Please note, if the sponsor does not have a copy of their Confirmation certificate, then please either call the parish where they were baptized or the parish where they received the Sacrament of Confirmation; and the parish will be able to provide it to them.

Lack of receipt of required items may result in the postponement of the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation due to missing Diocesan requirements. Your child's name will have to be removed from our list of confirmation candidates and put on a holding list until this matter is resolved. Please note that these are requirements set by the Diocese and it is mandatory that each confirmation candidate complete them.

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St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR:

BAPTISM _____ CONFIRMATION _____

(please print first and last name of person being baptized or confirmed)

Scheduled Date of Ceremony (if known): _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

(please print first and last name)

Maiden Name (if applicable)

(email address)

Affirm that I am at least 16 years of age, I am a practicing Catholic, and I have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church and I am not the mother or father of the child receiving the sacrament.

Name of parish where I was confirmed _____

Location _____ Confirmation Date _____

I participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holy days and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.

If married, I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in contact.

I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor and will faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with it. I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

By my signature, I attest to the truth of these statements:

Sponsor's Signature

SECTION BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARISH WHERE THE SPONSOR IS CURRENTLY A PRACTICING PARISHONER

Signature of Priest/Deacon: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____



Church Seal