

Southern Illinois, Area 16, Alateen Group Sponsorship Guidelines

Who will Area 16 Recognize as an Alateen Group Sponsor?

A recognized Alateen Sponsor is a responsible adult member of Al-Anon who attends Al-Anon regularly and who shares his or her recovery experience gained through working the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts. He or she helps the Alateens to focus on the Al-Anon program. It is in sharing recovery that we provide hope for the future.

Requirements for Alateen Group Sponsorship:

- Minimum age of 23.
- Currently attending Al-Anon meetings and be an active Al-Anon member for at least two (2) years.
- Participating member of an Al-Anon Group.
- Cannot have any pending charges or past convictions for any type of crime involving a minor.
- Require at least one Alateen group sponsor per meeting, but recommend two.

Process:

1. Contact the District Representative and/or Area Alateen Coordinator and/or Area Alateen Process Person to let them know of your desire to sponsor a group and complete the necessary forms.
2. Provide to the District Representative and/or Area Alateen Coordinator and/or Area Alateen Process Person the names of two Home Group member references who are not related to the candidate. These references should be able to attest to your participation in the program, service experience, reliability, stability and dependability.
3. Receive a vote of confidence from your home group and/or district to continue with the qualification process.
4. Obtain permission to sit in and observe one Alateen meeting.
5. If applicable, attend at least six Alateen meetings of the group you wish to sponsor. Receive a vote of confidence at the sixth meeting from the Alateen group members.

Note: Groups that are not in compliance with Illinois Area Guidelines will not be listed in schedules, answering service and website.

Further information may be found at www.al-non.org/members/ under Alateen on the Home page. There is a down-loadable Alateen eService Manual and more Alateen conference approved literature available.

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