

## **Southern Illinois, Area 16, Requirements for Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service (AMIAS)**

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 focus on the Al-Anon program. It is in sharing recovery that we provide hope for the future.

### **Safety and Behavioral Requirements**

- Any Al-Anon member involved in Alateen service including but not limited to, Alateen Group Sponsor, Area Alateen Coordinator, Area Alateen Process Person, Alternate Delegate, and Delegate must meet the requirements.
- Shall be a minimum age of 23 years.
- Shall currently be attending Al-Anon meetings and be an active member for at least two (2) years.
- Shall be a participating member of an Al-Anon home group.
- Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and has not been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior and has not demonstrated current emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.

### **The following Safety and Behavioral Requirements Apply to Both Alateen and Al-Anon Members involved in Al-Anon Service:**

- Southern Illinois Area 16 prohibits overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen member.
- Southern Illinois Area 16 prohibits conduct contrary to applicable laws of the State of Illinois.
- At least one Alateen sponsor must be present at every Alateen meeting, but Area 16 recommends two sponsors be present.
- Alateen attendance at functions away from custodial parents/legal guardians requires Parental Permission and Medical Care forms be completed.

### **Process:**

- Contact District Representative and/or Area Alateen Coordinator and/or Area Alateen Process Person and complete necessary forms.
- Provide names of two Home Group members referenced, not related to candidate, to District Representative and/or Area Alateen Coordinator and/or Area Alateen Process Person. These references should be able to attest to candidates participation in program., service experience, reliability, stability and dependability.
- Receive a vote of confidence from Home Group and/or District to continue with the qualification process.
- Obtain permission to sit in and observe one Alateen meeting.
- If applicable, attend at least six Alateen meetings of the group to be sponsored. Receive a vote of confidence at the sixth meeting from current Alateen members.

***Note:*** Groups that are not in compliance with Southern Illinois Area 16 requirements will not be listed in schedules, answering service, or website.

### **Responsibilities of Southern Illinois Area 16 Alateen Group Sponsors:**

- Attend Al-Anon meetings regularly.
- Provide a core of stability for the Alateen Group.
- Update group registration information periodically. Complete and sign SIAFG, Area 16, AMIAS Re-certification form annually after completing the SIAFG AMIAS Initial Candidates Profile form the first year.
- Have a working knowledge of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts.
- Become familiar with *A Guide for Sponsors of Alateen Groups*, P-29, and the Alateen eService Manual located at [www.al-anon.org/members/](http://www.al-anon.org/members/) website and all Al-Anon guidelines pertaining to Alateen.
- Participate in Alateen group sponsor training when offered using World Service Office Conference Approved Alateen training materials.
- Review Southern Illinois Area 16 Guidelines and World Service Office Guidelines.
- Attend your Alateen meeting each week or arrange for a Certified Alateen Group Sponsor substitute if you are unable to attend.
- Provide a safe meeting place.
- Guide the Alateens toward working the 12 Steps for personal recovery.
- Help Alateens take responsibility for the affairs of the group and implement the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.
- Encourage the participation of Alateen members in District and Area functions.

### **Removal of Sponsors**

- Alateens may go to the District representative or Area Alateen Coordinator. The Area Alateen Coordinator will conduct an investigation and take appropriate action consistent with the principles of the Al-Anon program and state law.
- The District, after consultation with Area Alateen Coordinator, has the responsibility to remove any Alateen sponsor who has displayed inappropriate behavior, is a threat to the unity of the group, or who no longer meets the Sponsor qualifications.
- By a committee of two or three of the following people: the Area Alateen Coordinator, Area Alateen Process Person, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, District Representative, and other World Service Committee members as needed.

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