

Y.O.U. Sponsor Job Description

(may vary from church to church)

Qualifications: (Suggested)

1. Understand Unity principles or a willingness to learn Unity principles.
2. Be a member of the church where serving.
3. Be at least 25 years old, or if younger serve as a Jr. Sponsor fulfilling most of the duties listed here, but with some restrictions regarding liability.
4. Demonstrates leadership skills.
5. Available to spend time with YOUers in meetings, planning listening, and prayer, and/or to escort the group to rallies and other events.
6. Ability to communicate as a liaison between YOUers and minister, congregation, board and/or YE Director, and parents.
7. Be a spiritual leader, endeavoring to model Unity principles in all situations, and create a positive atmosphere of affirmation, acceptance and love.
8. Possess the realization that Truth is a gift from God already within each YOUer.

Description of Work:

1. Prepares and presents a weekly lesson using material approved by minister and/or works with YOUers to develop and present a lesson.
2. Participates in business and planning meetings of the YOU chapter to advise, guide and support.
3. Attends or sees that there is adult representation at all YOU events whether chapter or regional.
4. Is a liaison between YOUers and minister, board, YED, congregation and parents.
5. Works with YOU officers in their leadership roles within the chapter supporting them to be successful.
6. Attends sponsor trainings.
7. Keeps co-sponsors and all adult helpers informed of upcoming dates, and takes responsibility for communication with the regional team.

Time Requirements:

1. Per week – at least 1 hour in lesson preparation and 1 hour in lesson presentation.
2. Personal time for prayer and meditation in preparation for each class and/or event.
3. Arrive 15 minutes before class to prepare the environment. Be available afterward for business and/or YOUers who need a listening friend or prayer support.
4. Scheduled phone and/or email communication with chapter officers.
5. Preparation time for event paperwork and contacts with parents.
6. Quarterly support meeting with minister and/or YED.
7. Attend (or arrange for adult attendance) three yearly YOU regional events, 1-2 sponsor training events and miscellaneous service projects, fundraisers or social events.

Desired Qualities For This Position:

Appreciates without judging; joins without invading; invites without demanding; listens rather than advises; suggests rather than commands; supervises without ‘taking over’; supports without rescuing; and, has the ability to be teachable, create order, discipline, and a positive and accepting classroom environment, and to relate Unity principles to teenage relevancy and application.