

A22-3 Letter to Alateen Sponsor Applicant

Dear **Alateen Sponsor Applicant**,

We thank you for your interest in applying to be an **Alateen Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)**. It shows that you have grown in your personal program and are now willing to take on the priceless gift and responsibility of service work in an area that is equally important and rewarding.

The Board of Trustees of Al-Anon Family Groups has determined that the safety of our teens, our sponsors, and our Alateen groups is among the most important parts of our recovery. As a result, we ask you to adhere to the highest standards of conduct around our Alateens.

Before you may become an **AMIAS** the Utah Area requires that you fulfill certain requirements. Please fill out and sign the following:

1. *Alateen Sponsor Candidate Profile Form A-22-1*
2. *Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service Form A-22-2*
3. *AMIAS Background Form (which involves getting a fingerprint card)*

These forms are available from you **District Alateen Process Person**.

Return these forms to your **District Alateen Process Person**, District Alateen Coordinator, or District Representative, but please keep a copy for your own records. The Safety Administrators are committed to keeping the information you place on these forms confidential, but your name and contact information will be placed on the Utah **AMIAS List** for others to use.

Upon your certification by the **Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)**, you will be placed onto the **AMIAS List**, and the District Alateen Coordinator may introduce you to an Alateen Group who wants an **Alateen Group Sponsor**. It is important to note that the Alateen Group may decline you even though you have met the criteria to be an **AMIAS**.

These are the next steps the Alateen Group will take.

1. You will be invited to attend a local Alateen Group that needs a Sponsor or Co-Sponsor. At that meeting, you will be asked to share your experience, strength and hope as well as to answer any questions the Alateens may have.
2. If you have any questions of the members of the Alateen Group, please feel free to ask them during the interview.
3. After a trial period (the length is determined by the Alateen Group), if both you and the Alateen group are comfortable with each other, an Alateen group conscience will be taken and the Alateen Group will decide whether to choose you to become an Alateen Sponsor.
4. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with the Alateen Group.
5. The Alateen Group may place you on their **Alateen Group Registration Form**, which is updated annually and sent to the **District Alateen Process Person** and forwarded to the **AAPP** and the World Service Office.

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We recommend that you read or become familiar with the following:

Al-Anon and Alateen literature:

B-3 Hope for Children of Alcoholics

B-23 Courage to be ME

P-21 Youth and the Alcoholic Parent

P-24/27 Current Service Manual

P-29 A Guide for Sponsors of Alateen Groups (Currently being rewritten)

G-5 Alateen Meetings in Schools

G-7 Al-Anon/Alateen Participation in an AA Area Convention

The following questions are suggested for you to use as a personal inventory before volunteering to be an **AMIAS**.

1. Am I willing to attend sponsor workshops?
2. Am I comfortable being with teenagers or pre-teens?
3. Do I feel that I can remain emotionally "detached with love" from other people's problems?
4. Do I feel that I can treat all Alateens as my equal?
5. Can I keep an open mind when an Alateen shares?
6. Why do I wish to be a sponsor?

Once you have been placed on the **AMIAS List**, you will be eligible to serve as an **AMIAS** at various Al-Anon and Alateen events, Conventions and Conferences where there is Alateen involvement.

We wish you every success as you enter a very special part of service to our Al-Anon and Alateen fellowship.

Sincerely,

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