

CGA SPONSOR FAMILY APPLICATION ^{3/09}

The Coast Guard Academy Cadet Sponsor Program is not a government program. The sole purpose of the Cadet Sponsor Program and this application form/questionnaire is to provide information to the Program so that we can best meet the needs of our cadets and sponsor families.

Program Objectives: 1) Provide fourth class cadets the opportunity to become familiar with an important dimension of service life by socializing with people in the community who are in the military OR interested in supporting the military and, 2) Provide a **safe** home setting for cadets who are away from home.

Program Eligibility: Sponsors must be at least 28 years old and live within 25 miles of the Coast Guard Academy in order to be considered (exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis). Active duty military must have a rank/rate of E-7 or O-3 and above.

Following Coast Guard Academy policy, all adults who volunteer to mentor, teach, coach or sponsor cadets, whether on or off Coast Guard Academy grounds, will be asked to provide personal information (name, birth date and social security number) directly to a commercial background screening agency for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check. A Volunteer Authorization/Disclosure form and an Information Request Form are attached for this purpose. For the purposes of the Cadet Sponsor Program, this includes all adults (18 years of age or older) residing in your home. Once you've completed this process, your background check is good for 4 years.

Disclosure of personal information to the screening agency via the Volunteer Authorization/Disclosure form and Information Request form is strictly voluntary; however, failure to provide the information will mean that the Cadet Sponsor Office will be unable to endorse you as a cadet sponsor. Both forms must be sent to the commercial background screening agency within 30 days after you return this completed application to the Cadet Activities Fund office.

Generally, an arrest or conviction for a violent crime (including domestic assault or abuse), a crime against a child, or a crime of a sexual nature, will be disqualifying, as will an arrest or conviction for driving under the influence (DUI), driving while intoxicated (SWI) or reckless driving. This is not an exhaustive list and other arrests or convictions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Please mail completed application to: Cadet Activities Fund - Carey McNeil U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 29 Mohegan Ave, New London, CT 06320-8102 or email to Erika.L.Lund@uscga.edu

Sponsor Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Spouse Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Sponsor Family

Home Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Preferred E-mail address: _____

1. Distance of residence from the Coast Guard Academy _____ (miles)

2. Sponsors' Children:

(Circle one) Age Name:

M / F _____

M / F _____

M / F _____

M / F _____

3. Please circle the letter that most accurately describes your current status:

A) Military member assigned to USCGA Department/Email _____

B) Local active military Unit/Department/Email _____

C) Civilian staff or faculty member assigned to USCGA Department/Email _____

D) Local civilian - Place of Employment _____

E) Local retired or reserve military - Place of Employment _____

4. Provide a Statement of Interest as to why you would like to be part of the Sponsor Family Program and what you feel you have to offer:

PLEASE PROVIDE TWO CHARACTER REFERENCES BELOW: Name and telephone number of references, and your relationship to them:

1) _____

2) _____

5. Please enter the number of cadets you would like assigned to you **this** year? ____

How many sponsor cadets from **previous years are you still active with? ____

Cadet Name(s) _____

6. Number of years you have participated in the sponsor program ____

SPECIFIC CADET REQUEST:

7. If you wish to **sponsor a particular cadet**, please enter their full name(s), city and home state(s) and how you know them below. Please be accurate with the spelling of their name(s):

Name	City and Home State	Relationship to cadet

****IMPORTANT:** If you request a specific cadet by name, if possible please contact the cadet and ask that he or she requests you specifically by name as well. Otherwise the cadet may be assigned to another family if the cadet's preferences don't match.

HOUSEHOLD AND GENERAL PREFERENCES:

The following information about your family will solely be used to assist in the matching process. All answers are to be provided on a voluntary basis:

8. What is your ethnic background:

- A) Caucasian
- B) African-American
- C) Asian-American
- D) Hispanic
- E) Filipino
- X) Other _____

9. What is your religious background:

- A) Catholic
- B) Protestant
- C) Islamic
- D) Jewish
- E) Mormon
- F) None
- X) Other _____

10. List up to 5 things that you are interested in. We will use these interests in the matching process. Please refer to the attached **Interest Selection List** and circle your choices on the list itself. Also place the corresponding numbers with description in the boxes below. If your interest is not similar to any on the list you may write it in the **first** box below.

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11. Do you allow smoking in your home? A) No B) Outside only C) Yes

12. Do you prefer a non-smoking cadet?
A) Yes B) No C) No Preference

13. Are there pets in your home?
A) No pets
B) Dogs: Type of dog _____
C) Cats
X) Other: Type _____

14. How frequently would you be expecting visits from your cadet(s)?
A) During liberty time only
B) Holidays and leave periods only
C) Both A and B

15. Do you have any preferences concerning the cadets to be assigned?
A) No I have no additional preferences
B) Yes See my preferences stated below

To the extent you have any preferences, please indicate them below. We will attempt to match your requests as closely as possible. Please understand that matching is made with the cadet's preferences considered first, and the family's second. Cadets will also be asked to state their preferences; to the extent they have any. If the cadet states no preferences, he/she will be matched according to the preferences of the sponsor family.

16. A) Cadet gender
- A) No Preference
 - B) Male only
 - C) Female only
 - D) Both #M ____, #F ____
17. B) Cadet ethnic background
- A) No Preference
 - B) Caucasian
 - C) African-American
 - D) Asian-American
 - E) Hispanic
 - F) Filipino
 - X) Other _____
18. C) Cadet Home State
- A) No Preference
 - B) Specify State _____
19. D) Cadet religious background
- A) No Preference
 - B) Catholic
 - C) Protestant
 - D) Islamic
 - E) Jewish
 - F) Mormon
 - G) None
 - X) Other _____
20. E) Cadet sports affiliation
- A) No Preference
 - B) Specify sport(s) _____

21. If you listed preferences above, please list them here in order of importance:

22. (Optional) Additional information that may help with the matching process:

Returning Sponsor: Date Background Check Completed: _____

New Sponsor: Date Background Check Faxed: _____

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 5 U.C.C. Section 552(a)

PRINCIPLE PURPOSE: To assist the Coast Guard Academy's Cadet Sponsor Office to manage the Sponsor Family Program.

ROUTINE USE: This information, including information you provide to a commercial screening agency, is used to assign cadets to sponsor families, to maintain a record of the names and addresses of families assigned as sponsors or who are interested in the Sponsor Program, and to contact sponsors either by phone, email or written correspondence.

DISCLOSURE: Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information will result in the Cadet Sponsor Office's inability to endorse you as a sponsor.

This information, including information you provide to a commercial screening agency, is not being used to make employment decisions. Cadet sponsorship is purely voluntary and application to the program (or selection if selected) does not constitute an employer-employee relationship with the U.S. Coast Guard Academy or the Cadet Sponsorship Office. Therefore, the provisions of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1681 et seq. do not apply.

Interests List updated 3/08

Sports

- 1 All sports
- 2 Baseball
- 3 Basketball
- 4 Bicycling
- 5 Bowling
- 6 Boxing
- 90 Crew
- 96 Fencing
- 7 Football
- 8 Golf
- 9 Gymnastics
- 10 Hockey
- 11 Ice Skating
- 12 Lacrosse
- 13 Martial Arts
- 95 Rugby
- 14 Running
- 15 Skiing/Snowboarding
- 16 Soccer
- 92 Softball
- 17 Swimming
- 18 Tennis
- 19 Volleyball
- 20 Water Polo
- 21 Weightlifting
- 22 Wrestling

Outdoor Activities

- 23 All Outdoor Activities
- 24 Auto Racing/Cars
- 25 Boating
- 28 Fishing
- 29 Flying & Aeronautics
- 30 Hiking/Camping
- 31 Horses
- 32 Hunting
- 34 Kayaking
- 35 Motorcycling
- 36 Pistol/Rifle
- 38 Sailing
- 39 Scuba/Skin Diving
- 41 Walking
- 43 Water Skiing/ Jet Skiing

Crafts & Hobbies

- 44 Crafts
- 45 Art/Drawing
- 46 Scrapbooking

- 48 Computers
- 49 Cooking
- 50 Dogs
- 93 Animals
- 94 Cats
- 51 Gardening
- 52 Home Remodeling
- 54 Knitting/Needle Point
- 55 Photography
- 56 Sewing
- 57 Woodworking

Music

- 58 All Music
- 59 Alternative
- 60 Classical Music
- 61 Country Music
- 62 Piano
- 63 Rock
- 64 Singing

Culture

- 65 Church
- 66 Community Activities
- 67 Dancing
- 68 Dining Out
- 69 Entertaining
- 70 History
- 71 Languages
- 72 Movies
- 73 Museums
- 74 Philosophy
- 75 Sightseeing
- 76 Theater
- 77 Travel
- 78 Writing

Other

- 80 Board Games
- 81 Card Playing
- 82 Family Activities
- 83 Politics
- 84 Reading
- 85 Science
- 86 Science Fiction
- 87 Scouting
- 88 Shopping
- 89 Television

List adapted from USNA Sponsor Program