

Y.O.U. SPONSOR CODE OF ETHICS

1. We the Youth of Unity Sponsors dedicate ourselves to the principles of Truth as taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ, and interpreted by Unity School and the Association of Unity Churches.
2. We will look to the indwelling Christ for inspiration, to guide, govern, and prosper us.
3. We will emphasize the importance of prayer in every person's life, and especially we will use prayer to make our lives an example of living Truth. Our own prayer consciousness will prove our dedication to God.
4. I will be supportive of the ministry (in which I serve), Regional and International Representatives. Should I disagree with their plans or leadership styles, I will address the issue directly to them, rather than speaking about it with others.
5. My behavior with sponsors and YOUers will be above approach, specifically:
 - I will not tell jokes or speak words with sexual innuendoes. My words will be kind, necessary and true.
 - I will not prolong hugs, or return/initiate a kiss.
 - I will not touch anyone in a sexual manner; specifically, on the genitals, buttocks or breast.
 - I will not be with teens in any compromising location or situation.
 - I will use my role as a sponsor to be an encourager and supporter. I will not engage in put-downs or in any physical, mental, emotional or sexual harassment.
 - I will not use my role as a sponsor as a base from which to seek out primary relationships in my life.
6. We will teach the Unity teachings. In this, we will avoid teaching any subjects which may be deemed incompatible with basic Unity principles. We will prepare our lessons well, knowing that students attracted to a Unity ministry expect excellence. Our lessons will be presented in a practical, yet beautiful and inspiring manner with integrity.
7. We will undertake activities related to the ministry with the approval and complete cooperation of our minister.
8. We will truthfully and accurately prepare and complete all forms and requirements for events.

What is the role of a Sponsor?

At a previous training, here is what YOUers said the role of a Sponsor is:

- Treat YOUers as equals
- Create a safe place
- Direct and guide program/overseer
- Help in the creation of lessons & activities
- Be committed, consistent, dependable in involved
- Be prepared, be punctual
- Teach Unity Principles
- Help develop and set clear boundaries and consequences
- Foundation (Rock)
- Actively participate
- Trust YOUers
- Surrender, Let go
- Include everyone
- Respect, understanding, supportive,
- Open to new ideas
- Know their role
- Respect entire group
- Share their lives
- Love unconditionally
- Be the light not the fire
- Spiritual community among sponsors
- Be willing to ask questions if there is something you are not sure of
- Allow YOUers to make mistakes
- Be willing to address inappropriate Behavior
- Employ tact

Here is what the Sponsors said the role of the YOUer is:

- Contribute ideas to the group
- Be responsible for their actions
- Welcome and support other YOUers
- Be a leader in and out of Y.O.U.
- Share your inner child & Christ light
- Make congregation aware of chapter
- Learn and teach
- Grow spiritually/Practice Unity daily
- Be respectful of each other & sponsors
- Acceptance/Understanding
- Create and honor a safe environment
- Responsible for attitudes, emotions and behavior they bring to the group
- Responsible to participate
- Understand Heart Agreements
- Be good leaders
- Be focused
- Honor role of and relationship with Sponsors
- Practice non-judgement
- Show up in an authentic way
- Have fun
- Expect adults to walk their talk
- Focus on Spiritual relationships instead of romantic relationships
- Learn who you truly are
- Give and receive positive energy
- Take responsibility for what goes on in the chapter.

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