



## Ahead With Education Mission Leader Information

1. Please read the Sponsor Information & FAQ's document to become familiar with the expectations of being a Sponsor, before talking to potential sponsors. It can be found on our website, under Forms.
2. Please provide the Sponsor Information & FAQ's document to anyone interested in becoming a sponsor. We want to make sure that all potential sponsors read this information before they commit to sponsoring.
3. If an individual (or a group of people) would like to become a Sponsor, please have them complete the Sponsor Covenant form. Please use the Group Sponsor Covenant form for multiple donors partnering with one student.
4. Forms are available on the AWE website, [aheadwitheducation.org](http://aheadwitheducation.org)
5. Timeline for students.
  - a. **We only add new students once a year and there needs to be a sponsor identified.**
  - b. Program Coordinator must receive completed applications, of potential students prior to April 1st for the following August school year.
  - c. Program Coordinator, Norma Liñan, will interview families and complete the student application form, following scholarship nominations. All interviews by Norma will be complete by April 15th.
  - d. A student must provide a current grade report to be considered.
  - e. Not all students or families nominated will receive a scholarship.
  - f. Selections of students by AWE occurs between April 15th and June 1st for the following August school year. Any applications received after April 15th will not be considered until the next selection period the following year.
  - g. The selection committee will meet and recommend new students to be accepted into the program.
  - h. We do not add students if there are not enough sponsors for existing students. We only add students if there are extra, new, or existing sponsors.
6. Timeline for new sponsors.
  - a. **We only match sponsors to students once a year between April 15th through June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
  - b. New sponsors are matched to existing students that need a sponsor first. We lose sponsors every year and need to fund students already in the program (sponsored) before we add new students. **Once a student is accepted into the AWE program, AWE is committed to provide for their education until they have their college diploma.**
  - c. **Sponsors do not pick their students.** We do not want them to be disappointed if we are unable to add the student to the AWE program.