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Family Groups

## S-ATEEN: INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP SPONSORSHIP

### S-ATEEN GROUP SPONSORSHIP

S-Ateen meetings are conducted separately from those of S-Anon and are guided by adult S-Anon members serving as S-Ateen Group Sponsors. Two S-Ateen Group Sponsors must be present at each S-Ateen meeting. An S-Ateen Group Sponsor is currently certified through the S-Anon service training process as an S-Anon Member Involved in S-Ateen Service (SMISS). An S-Ateen Group Sponsor has made a commitment to be of service to a local S-Ateen meeting on a regular basis or for a specific S-Anon event, such as a Marathon and/or International Convention.

Additionally, S-Ateen Group Sponsors must:

1. Be an S-Anon member regularly attending S-Anon meetings
2. Have completed or be working the S-Anon Twelve Steps with an S-Anon sponsor
3. Have at least two years in S-Anon in addition to any time spent in S-Ateen
4. Be at least 21 years old
5. Not have been convicted of a felony
6. Not have been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior; or convicted of any offence involving sexual misconduct or physical violence against children or adults

S-Ateen Group Sponsors take their turn during the meeting to share on the topic, Step, or Tradition along with the teens. The Group Sponsors share from their "teen years" and what they may remember growing up. It's also suggested that a Group Sponsor not be the parent of an S-Ateen member in the meeting room. Even if the parent insists there are no family secrets, it can result in a teen not feeling free to share in the meeting. Most S-Ateen groups start with two S-Ateen Group Sponsors. Some groups have four or more sponsors, and find a rotating schedule that provides for at least two sponsors in attendance at each meeting works well. This also gives the teens the opportunity to hear other members' stories.

It's important to remember that the S-Ateen meeting belongs to the teens. The meetings are for the teens and run by them, whereas the S-Ateen Group Sponsors act as "guides" to ensure the Meeting Guidelines and Traditions are followed. Additionally the S-Ateen Group Sponsors' role is to ensure the meetings remain a safe place for the teens. It may also be helpful to refer to the Alateen pamphlet "A Guide for Sponsors of Alateen Groups" (P-29).

### S-ATEEN INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR

S-Ateen Individual Sponsorship is a mutual and confidential one-on-one sharing between two fellow S-Ateen members who wish to discuss their personal problems or issues in more detail than what is shared during a meeting. S-Ateen Individual Sponsors are willing to share their experience, strength, and hope gained from working the S-Ateen program. S-Anon members and S-Ateen Group Sponsors do not sponsor individual S-Ateen members.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR S-ATEEN

Additional resources include the following pieces of S-Ateen Literature which are free downloads ordered from [www.sanon.org](http://www.sanon.org).

S-ATEEN: INFORMATION ABOUT SPONSORSHIP AND MEETINGS (L-12ST)

S-ATEEN: INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP SPONSORSHIP (L-23ST)

S-ATEEN: MEETING TOPIC SUGGESTIONS (P-2ST)

S-ATEEN: SUGGESTED MEETING FORMAT (L-24ST)

S-ATEEN: RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT (L-22ST)

The following Alateen resources are available as well as other helpful Alateen literature at [al-anon.alateen.org](http://al-anon.alateen.org).

ALATEEN SAFETY GUIDELINES (G-34)

A GUIDE FOR SPONSORS OF ALATEEN GROUPS (P-29)

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