

“I HAVE A DREAM”® FOUNDATION – OREGON

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Project Sponsor Job Description

Overview: The Sponsor is the volunteer strategic leader of a single project within the “I Have a Dream” Foundation of Oregon. The Sponsor reports to the Board of Directors, and is responsible for his/her project’s consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives. Sponsors make a commitment to stay with the project for its full duration (normally 10 years). Sponsors are responsible for helping secure funding necessary to support the project. He/she provides connections to additional enriching resources through his/her community network.

Specific responsibilities include:

- In Fund Raising, the Sponsor will:
 - Make a personal financial contribution that given his/her financial situation demonstrates that IHAD is one of his/her top priorities.
 - Do whatever it takes to raise all of the funding necessary to support the project.
 - Cooperate with Dream Central staff and the Board to provide a coordinated and unified image to potential funding sources.
- In Leadership, the Sponsor will:
 - Help hire and support Project Coordinator(s).
 - Help develop program goals and philosophy, consistent with the IHAD framework.
 - Help ensure that Dreamers’ progress against goals is tracked and programming modified appropriately.
 - Provide input into project budgets.
- In Volunteering, the Sponsor will:
 - Commit to stay with the project for its full duration (normally 10 years).
 - Have consistent (several times a month) interaction with Dreamers through tutoring, mentoring, or field trips.
 - Provide connections to additional enriching resources through their community network.
 - Be a role model for Dreamers and IHAD staff.

Qualifications:

- Passionate advocate for at-risk children with a commitment to the goals of IHAD.
- Proven track record as a successful and productive citizen.
- At least three years of experience dealing with K-12 youth development programs (teaching, coaching, group leader, etc).
- Self-starter, organized, creative and entrepreneurial in solving problems and realizing opportunities.
- College degree.

In many cases the project sponsor is a small group of individuals. In that case any one individual may not cover all of the responsibilities themselves or have all the qualifications. However, as a group they must cover all areas and each sponsor in the group would be expected to make a significant contribution in at least 2 of the 3 core areas of responsibility and to possess most of the sponsor qualifications.