Role and Responsibility of Catholic Sponsor

A Sponsor is someone who gives spiritual guidance and encouragement to the person who is preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation; someone who will help the candidate live out his/her baptismal promises now and in the future

What are the requirements to be a sponsor for Confirmation?

Can. 893 §1. To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874.
§2. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.

Can. 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:
1. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
2. have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

The **Sponsor** will need to obtain a **letter of eligibility** / sponsor card from the parish in which he/she is currently registered and active. Additionally, sponsor will need a copy of his/her **Confirmation certificate** (obtained from the parish of Confirmation or Baptism).