

To be selected by the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) as an EngineerGirl Ambassador, an applicant must have a local sponsor. Local sponsors are essential to the program so it is important that you understand the purpose of the project and your role as a sponsor.

## WHAT IS A LOCAL SPONSOR?

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A local sponsor is an adult who believes in the student and her proposed project and can help her implement her proposal. This person could be a teacher, librarian, scout leader, local engineer, or other adult committed to helping the ambassador with her project. If the student is facilitating a hands-on experience, the sponsor should ideally be affiliated with the school, library, or other organization where the event will be hosted. Sponsors support students, oversee their work to make sure events are safe and effective, and help to ensure students will have the resources needed to complete their proposed project.

## WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF BEING A LOCAL SPONSOR?

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Participation as a sponsor with the EngineerGirl Ambassadors program is an opportunity to make a lasting difference in the life of a student and her community. Sponsors may also receive training or professional development via interaction with NAE staff and attendance at the SWE annual conference. Participation in the program also offers the opportunity to connect with other educators and mentors. While no cash awards are guaranteed for an ambassador sponsor, the NAE will cover the cost of travel to the annual conference. This could include the cost to pay a substitute teacher should one be required to allow you to attend the conference.

## WHAT IS ELSE IS EXPECTED OF ME?

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A local sponsor must agree to work with each Ambassador to implement her project. Multiple adults may certainly help a student with her project, but one should be designated as the primary sponsor who will be the point of contact for the NAE. Sponsors will be asked to attend the EngineerGirl Ambassador training program with the Ambassador at the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) national conference in October/November. (Attendance at the conference is not required for a sponsor, but is highly recommended.) Sponsors will have access to EngineerGirl staff throughout the year and may be asked to participate in conference calls or other events.

## WOULD I BE REIMBURSED FOR TRAVEL?

Yes. The National Academy of Engineering will pay travel fees to the SWE conference for the Ambassador plus one adult. This could also include the cost of a substitute teacher if one is needed to allow you to attend the conference. See the [full Rules and Requirements](#) for more information.

## HOW DO I BECOME A SPONSOR?

If you have been asked to serve as a sponsor for a local student, please read the program [Rules and Requirements](#) as well as the student's project proposal. You will need to read and fill out a liability waiver along with a [Statement of Support](#) for the participating student. If the applicant is selected as an EngineerGirl Ambassador, you may be asked for a personal release to allow public recognition for your role in the project.

## CAN I SPONSOR MORE THAN ONE GIRL?

Ambassadors do not need a unique sponsor, so technically you could serve as a sponsor for more than one girl. We would ask that you be *fully prepared* to sponsor multiple applicants at the same time should they be accepted. This program is new and will have a limited number of Ambassadors for the first couple of years. It is therefore unlikely, at this time, that two students from the same area would be selected as Ambassadors in the same year.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make sure you use the email address that the applicant used to submit her application.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

What resources you will be able to provide to support the applicant with her project?

I understand the role of a local sponsor in the EngineerGirl Ambassador program. I have read the proposal of the applicant named above, and will provide my full support to her in completing her project. I have also read all of the Program's Rules and Requirements and agree to be bound by them.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You must submit this form online at:  
<https://www.engineergirl.org/115767/2019-ambassador-sponsor-form>

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant permission to the National Academy of Sciences on behalf of the National Academy of Engineering ("NAS/NAE") to consider my application to participate as a Sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_ in the EngineerGirl Ambassadors Program ("the Program").

In addition, I understand and agree as follows:

- I have read the student's proposal, and I am fully in support of her efforts. I will do my part to help ensure she is able to complete her project as proposed.
- I have read all of the Program's rules and conditions and agree to be bound by them.
- By the execution of this agreement, I accept and assume full responsibility for any and all injuries, damages (both economic and non-economic), and losses of any type, which may occur to me in connection with my participation in the Program, and I hereby fully and forever release and discharge NAS, its insurers, employees, officers, directors, and associates, from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated, or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out my application to or participation in the Program. I expressly agree to indemnify and hold NAS, its insurers, employees, officers, directors, and associates harmless against any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, or causes of action, of any person or entity, that may arise from injuries or damages sustained by me resulting from or arising out my application to or participation in the Program.
- I will be responsible for any and all taxes that may be due resulting from my acceptance of paid travel, paid conference registration or other funding provided by NAS or the Society of Women Engineers in connection with participation in the Program.

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING PERMISSION AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND VOLUNTARILY EXECUTED THIS DOCUMENT WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS CONTENT.

This License and Release shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the District of Columbia, applicable to contracts entered into and to be fully performed therein. I am of full legal age and have read this License and Release and am fully familiar with its contents.

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