

So You Want to be an AMIAS? That's Great!

You must:

- Be over 21;
- Be interested in supporting young people in their recovery from the effects upon their lives of a friend or family member's addiction
- Have been a continuous member of Al-Anon for at least the last two consecutive years and attend at least one Al-Anon meeting per week;
- Be nominated as a candidate for Alateen service;
- Not engage in overt or covert sexual behavior with Alateen members;
- Have not been convicted with a felony;
- Have not been charged with child abuse;
- Have not been charged with inappropriate sexual behavior;
- Not currently demonstrate emotional problems that could result in harm to Alateen members;
- Not conduct yourself in a manner contrary to applicable laws;
- Agree to participate in the yearly recertification process for "Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service" in WA Area, which includes a background check executed by the WA State Patrol;
- Agree to resign the position of "Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service" if asked for any reason, considering the safety of the teens to be paramount and understanding that resignation is not an admission of any wrong doing;
- Agree to step down at any time if you cannot meet these criteria.

What you will have to do to certify:

- Take a two part, approximately four hour training on Alateen group process and safety protocols, service responsibilities and risks, Alateen literature and programs, and information about burnout prevention. At least the first half of training must involve direct communication with a trainer; online training can satisfy the second half
- Submit certification paperwork that confirms your continuous active participation in Al-Anon for at least two years and submit to a yearly background check

What you will have to do to maintain your certification:

- Continue to meet all requirements
- Take a 2-3 hour online re-training once every second Spring.
- Submit recertification paperwork once a year that confirms your ongoing, active participation in Al-Anon and submit to a annual background check

What can you do as an AMIAS?

- Sponsor an Alateen meeting together with other AMIAS.
- Help get Alateens to or from their meetings or other events.
- Support Alateens at the Washington Area Alateen Conference (WAAC.)
- Be a "safe person" for Alateens at Area events (Area World Service Conference, Pre-Conference Assembly, Summer Service Assembly, Fall Assembly.)