

Stewardship advocate recognition

Guidelines

At Everence®, we consider stewardship advocates key partners in sharing our mission of helping people integrate finances with faith. In your stewardship ministry role, you may not realize what a significant impact you have in your congregation – or the impact you have collectively with all of the other advocates in churches around the United States.

To affirm your significant role, Everence has a recognition program to encourage you and thank you for your volunteer efforts on behalf of your congregations. How do you participate? You already are! Every congregation with an advocate appointed through Everence starts at Level 1. Then, as you get involved in advocate activities, you can reach Level 2 (Two Star) and, with greater participation, Level 3 (Three Star).

Advocate/congregation activities

Level 2

Two Star advocates must annually complete all five activities below.

- A. Within their congregations, use one Everence educational resource or have church members participate in one Everence educational event.
- B. Participate in one advocate training activity.

- C. Connect one or two people with Everence or LSS Financial Counseling.
- D. Share information about Everence with your congregation four times.
- E. Report these advocate activities by returning at least two quarterly reports.

Level 3

Three Star advocates must annually complete all five activities below.

- A. Within their congregations, use two or more Everence educational resources or have church members participate in two or more Everence educational events or one of each.
- B. Participate in two or more advocate training activities.
- C. Connect three or more people with Everence or LSS Financial Counseling.
- D. Share information about Everence with your congregation eight or more times.
- E. Report these advocate activities by returning all four quarterly report forms.

See the *Advocate Quarterly Activity Report* for suggestions to complete these activities.

Why reach for the advocate stars?

First and foremost, being a two or three star advocate helps you know you are serving the stewardship ministry needs of your congregation well by:

- Helping integrate faith and finance decisions at your church – and helping members of your church family do the same – through Everence’s resources and professional staff.
- Building your own understanding of stewardship ministry while serving in the advocate role.

These star activities help guide your goals each year. And, as stewardship efforts grow in your congregation, your Sharing Fund grant amount increases as well. As Matthew 25:23 says, “You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.”

Blessings from Everence to you and your congregation on this stewardship journey!



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