

# Affiliation Discernment Checklist

Typically, the discernment process takes 1-3 years to complete. Below is an overview of what will need to be completed prior to participating in the Affiliation Commitment Ceremony:

Checklist	Description
Initial FSPA Affiliation Application	Affiliation Office will provide application after receiving request from Discerner
Discerner Photograph	Used for Rolodex and FSPA Leadership Approval Form (photo is provided by Discerner)
Director Interview and Introductions	Discerner is invited to speak with Director about affiliation
Companion Assigned	An affiliate or sister who will partner with Discerner during this process
Welcome Packet	Includes resource materials, Affiliation Guidebook, and other items to assist in discernment process
Charism Immersion Experience	Offered yearly in summer or as needed. Discerners are invited to St. Rose for several days to participate in both on-site and off-site opportunities to enrich their understanding of affiliation and the FSPA. In 2025 we are offering two Live-Ins.
FSPA Affiliation Autobiography	Description found in Affiliation Guidebook (p57)
Background Check and Safe Environment Acknowledgement	Found in Affiliation Guidebook (p79-80) – must be completed and returned to Human Resources **alternate form will be required if not from WI
Letters of Recommendation	Description (p58) and sample letter (p74) can be found in Affiliation Guidebook. Three letters are requested, including one from companion.
Final Reflection and Application	Found in Affiliation Guidebook (p72)
FSPA Leadership Approval Form	Submitted by Director of Affiliation after all other materials have been provided by Discerner
Affiliation Commitment Ceremony	Offered in the summer and fall, this ceremony takes place in Mary of the Angels Chapel. Initial Commitment Ceremony form (p74) to be completed and brought to ceremony.
Companion Community	Invitation to join a Companion Community