

CEREMONY FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW APPRENTICE

Herald: Your Highnesses, [Master | Mistress] _____ wishes to bring a matter of contract before Your Court.

 **Prince: What matter is this?**

Herald: [Master | Mistress] _____ wishes to take on [an] apprentice[s], and desires that all here present bear witness.

 **Prince: Then let them come forward.**

Herald: Let ___ (apprentice[s]) ___ come forward with [Master | Mistress] _____, and any other members of [his | her] Noble Order who wish to bear witness to the making of this bond.

(Apprentice[s] and Laurels assemble, reverencing to Their Highnesses.)

 **Prince: Is it your wish to become apprentice to [Master | Mistress] _____ at this time?**

Apprentice(s): It is.

 **Prince: Proceed then, and know that We also shall bear witness.**

(Apprentice[s] stands facing his/her Laurel.)

★ OPTION 1 – Oath of Fealty

Herald: Do you agree that this is an oath of personal fealty between yourself and your [Master | Mistress], which will in no way conflict with, or infringe on, any oaths of fealty or any responsibility you owe to your Kingdom, Principality, Barony, or Household, and that this oath shall be binding from this moment hence, or until you and your [Master | Mistress] shall agree that this bond is dissolved?

Apprentice(s): I do.

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to [Master | Mistress] _____ and do you agree to apply yourself diligently and attentively to [his | her] teachings, and to serve [him | her] in any lawful manner [he | she] shall require?

Apprentice(s): I do.

(Ceremony for the Creation of a new apprentice, continued)

Laurel: Then I, for my part, do swear fealty to _____, and will teach [him | her | them] with instruction in full measure, with a minimum of beatings, to ensure [his | her | their] learning. In token of this relationship, take from my hands this (*Green belt or color or descriptor of mantle/tabard/other regalia*), and wear it proudly until I may greet you as a peer.

(Apprentice[s] take[s] regalia)

Herald: Then let it now be known and understood that, from this day forth, _____ [has | have] exchanged oaths of fealty with [Master | Mistress] _____, and will serve as apprentice[s] to [Master | Mistress] _____ until this contract is fulfilled.

For the newest apprentice[s], hip hip! (*Repeat two times*)

 **Prince: Your have Our leave to depart.**

★ END OF OPTION 1

★ OPTION 2 – No Oath of Fealty

Herald: Do you now agree to apply yourself diligently and attentively to the teachings of your [Master | Mistress], and to serve [him | her] in any lawful manner [he | she] shall require?

Apprentice(s): I do.

Laurel: Then I, for my part, will teach [him | her | them] with instruction in full measure, with a minimum of beatings, to ensure [his | her | their] learning. In token of this relationship, take from my hands this (*Green belt or color or descriptor of mantle/tabard/other regalia*), and wear it proudly until I may greet you as a peer.

(Apprentice takes regalia)

Herald: Then let it now be known and understood that, from this day forth, _____ will serve as apprentice[s] to [Master | Mistress] _____ until this contract is fulfilled.

For the newest apprentice[s], hip hip! (*Repeat two times*)

 **Prince: Your have Our leave to depart.**