

Hello! _____ has/have applied to be host volunteer(s) with Avenues for Homeless Youth's GLBT Host Home Program. This program screens, trains, and provides on-going support to nurturing adults who volunteer to open their homes to homeless GLBT youth ages 16-21. While living in a host home, the youth works toward stabilization and self-determination. The goal of the program is to provide safer housing and food for youth experiencing homelessness, and also to help young GLBT folks reach their objectives and to build stronger and healthier communities. Because being a host volunteer is a huge commitment, I need your help in evaluating the applicant(s). Your name was given to me as one of three references. **The information you provide is confidential and will become a part of the total screening process.**

Please answer the following questions frankly. Concerns that you bring up will not necessarily disqualify the applicant(s).

I appreciate your cooperation. Please reply as soon as you can to the address listed below. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 612-968-8771. You may also e-mail me your responses at rsimoes@avenuesforyouth.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Raquel (Rocki) Simões,
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If you need more space answering the following questions (there are questions on the back as well), please attach an extra sheet of paper.

1) How and when did you become acquainted with the applicant(s)?

2) What do you see as each applicant's strengths and weaknesses, especially as they relate to working with GLBT youth and youth of color?

3) How would you describe them as a couple/family? (if only one applicant, please skip the question)

4) Why do you think the applicant(s) has/have applied to be host volunteers?

5) In what ways do you anticipate the applicant(s) needing help in hosting a GLBT youth?

6) Describe a young person who would fit well with this person/couple.

7) Describe a young person who would not fit well with this person/couple.

8) Please describe any concerns you have about the comfort or safety of a young person who stays with the applicants(s).

Thank you again for taking the time to answer these questions. Please sign and provide a telephone number and/or e-mail so I may contact you for any follow-up questions.

Signature: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____