



Youth Application

Hi! We're glad that you're interested in ConneQT. We recognize that you are coming to us out of a 'need', not necessarily a 'want'. We hold that recognition with respect, compassion, and solidarity. Should you choose to participate in host home, we promise to do our very best to share this part of your journey with you in ways that are supportive, but also rooted in our commitment towards a more just world. Thanks for taking this leap of faith with us. We look forward to getting to know you!

Here's what you need to know:

ConneQT HHP has two housing options. **Emergency-based and short-term, with a stay between 1 day-3 months or longer-term, with an average stay of 10-12 months.**

Please take some time to think about what your needs are and which timeframe fits what your looking for. We encourage you to talk about both options with the advocate who referred you or one of our youth advocates.

Here are some initial questions that will help us figure out how best to move forward:

- Are you already working with either Ashley or Rosie? yes no If yes, for how long have you been working with them? _____
- If not, are you being referred by a case manager/youth worker/advocate who is not Ashley or Rosie? yes no

If yes, what is their name and where do they work? _____

******If you are being referred by a youth worker/case manager/advocate, please give this form to them after you've completed it so they can send it to us along with the referral form. Thanks!******

NOTE:

For those applying for longer-term housing: If you have **no** youth worker/advocate and you are **self-referring**, please know that you will need to contact Ashley Morgan, Youth Engagement Program Manager and work with her for at least **one month** before being able to apply for the program. Ashley's **number is 612-968-1672**. Thank you!

For those applying for emergency, short-term: If you are in need of emergency shelter/food/resources today please text or email Rosie at 612-968-1672, Email: rbenser@avenuesforyouth.org Thank you!

Now to the more interesting stuff (information about you)!

Your Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____ Phone:(____) _____

Pronoun Used (he/him, she/her, they/them, other): _____

1) How do you self-identify (race, gender, ethnicity, etc.)?

2) Where did you grow up? _____

3) What County do you currently live in? _____
How long have you been in **St. Paul** or **Minneapolis** (please circle which)? _____ **Other City:** _____

4) Where are you currently living (i.e. friend's house, shelter, family, foster care, squat)?

5) Do you have a **GED** or **high school diploma** (please circle which)? ____ yes ____ no
If yes, from where? _____

6) What is your current income? (This will not affect your eligibility to be in either host home program)

7) What are some of the things you are now working on (i.e. trying to get a job, GED)?

8) Why did you pick the ConneQT program over other housing programs?

9) How do you think the ConneQT Host Home Program will support you?

10) What are some of the strengths that you would bring into either program (i.e. great sense of humor, artistic abilities, hard work)?

11) Are you willing to develop a goal plan and work towards your goals together with your YAES/advocate and host volunteers? ____ yes ____ no

12) What kind of host volunteers would you like to live with?

13) Do you have any allergies or preferences (food, scents, animals, etc)?

14) Once you're in a host home, who would you like us to contact in case of an emergency?

15) Is there anyone you don't want is to contact or speak to? _____

16) Do you have any outstanding citations/warrants? ____ yes ____ no ____ don't know

Our Youth advocate will need to check this before you can move into a host home and, if there is one, assist you with next steps.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Please sign here to authorize your advocate/agency, the ConneQT staff and potential hosts to respectfully share relevant information about you with each other. This will help us find the best match possible for you and also provide you with on-going support. Thank you.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***If you are self-referring or already working with Rosie, please contact them so you can give them this completed form.**

If not, please have your youth worker/advocate send this completed form along with his/her/their completed referral form to:

ConneQT Host Home Program:

Rosie Benser, Youth Advocate & Engagement Specialist

Avenues for Youth

1708 Oak Park Ave. N.

Minneapolis, MN 55411

Ph 612-968-1672, Email: rbenser@avenuesforyouth.org

GRIEVANCE

If you have a grievance about this program, please speak to your case manager. They can help you set up a time to talk with Katherine Meerse, Executive Director of Avenues for Youth to discuss your grievance.