

Host Family Reference Check



A host family's reference checks cannot be conducted by the same person who completed the in-home interview. This form should be completed by the YFU volunteer or employee who completed this reference check. The signed form should be submitted to the District Office. Please type or use a black ballpoint pen.

Host Family Applicant

Ref. For <input type="checkbox"/>	Parent 1 Name _____	Email _____
Phone _____	Cell _____	Work _____
Ref. For <input type="checkbox"/>	Parent 2 Name _____	Email _____
Phone _____	Cell _____	Work _____
City _____	State _____	Zip _____

Reference Data

Reference's Name _____	Email _____	
Primary Phone _____	Secondary Phone _____	Work Phone _____
City _____	State _____	Zip _____

Questions

This family is applying to host a Youth For Understanding international student and has submitted your name as a personal reference. If accepted, they will be welcoming an international exchange student into their home. The student will attend high school and live the daily life of a teenager in this country. Please evaluate the family from your own viewpoint; your comments are confidential.

- How many years have you known this family or person? **If less than three, this person cannot serve as a reference.** _____ years
- Are you related to any member of this family? **If yes, this person cannot serve as a reference.** Yes No
- Are you employed or supervised by a member of this family? **If yes, this person cannot serve as a reference.** Yes No
- Have you been to the applicant's home (either current or previous home)? **If no, this person cannot serve as a reference.** Yes No
- Do you live in or near the same community as the family? Yes No

Family Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

6. What is your relationship with this person?

friend co-worker neighbor other _____

7. Why do you think hosting an exchange student interests this family?

8. What characteristics of this family would make them a good host family for an exchange student?

9. What characteristics, if any, might prevent them from being a good host family? Include comments on activities, discipline, flexibility in family rules, stability of family unit, loss of employment, etc.

10. If this family has children, how do you think the children would adjust to having an exchange student in their home?

11. How would you characterize the behavior of the applicant's child(ren) with respect to other children and adults?

12. In your judgment, how does the family handle issues that arise within their own family?

Family Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

13. Describe the applicant's home (cleanliness, physical upkeep, etc.).

14. Is there anything about this family's lifestyle that you think YFU should know before making a decision about acceptance?

15. Although exchange students bring their own spending money, a YFU host family does agree to provide three meals a day and transportation and will see an incremental increase in household utilities. Do you believe this family has the ability to manage this additional cost (approximately \$100-200/month depending on community)?

Yes No Other _____

16. Would you describe this family as: (please address any concerns below)

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|--|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----|
| Generally able to address problems satisfactorily | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Generally ignores problems and addresses them only when confronted | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Able to discuss a problem objectively with a teenager | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Willing to listen to a teenager's analysis of the problem | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Willing to seek help from a YFU representative, if needed | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Flexible and willing to compromise | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Able to admit mistakes and show forgiveness of others' mistakes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Has fun together | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Able to provide a support structure for all family members | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

17. Do any family members, to your knowledge:

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|---|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----|
| Have an arrest or conviction record other than for parking/traffic violations | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Have a complaint filed with an agency concerning child neglect or abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Currently use illegal substances or have a drug/alcohol problem | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Display inappropriate affection | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Have a serious or chronic illness | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

Family Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

18. Has any family member, to your knowledge, experienced in the last 12 months divorce, separation, or re-marriage? Yes No

19. Has any family member, to your knowledge, experienced in the last 12 months new diagnosis of serious illness or death of spouse or child? Yes No

20. Would you feel comfortable living in this family's home or having your child live in their home? Yes No

21. Do you recommend this family to host a YFU International Student?
 Yes No (explain in "Additional Comments" below)
 Conditionally (explain in "Additional Comments" below)

22. Additional Comments:

23. Would you like more information about YFU's volunteer, hosting or American Overseas programs?
 Yes No

Reference Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Reference Check Signature

Date of Telephone Reference Check (mm/dd/yyyy):

Name of YFU volunteer or employee who completed the reference check

A family's reference check cannot be conducted by the same person who completed the family's in-home interview. I affirm that I completed this family's reference check and did not complete this family's in-home interview.

Signature: _____ Date: _____