



## STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS CONFIDENTIAL HOST FAMILY REFERENCE

This family has applied to host a participant in a States' 4-H International Exchange Program. A host family represents the U.S. culture to the visitor and plays a very important role in determining the success of the participants' experience in the United States. The information that you give us will be useful in determining the placement of individual participants. Please answer all questions as fully as possible.

***Thank you for providing this reference.***

***All information is confidential to the extent allowable by law and will only be used to select host families***

**Name of Host Family:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of person completing this form:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this family? From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you see the family? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship with this family? \_\_\_\_\_

What special interests (camping, horses, photography, art, cooking, sewing, sport, etc.) do family members have, especially the teenager(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel this family will adjust to unexpected situations, different customs, etc.?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel that this family will welcome a visitor of a different religion and different ethnic background?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are this family's greatest strengths? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are this family's weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any drug, alcohol, or child abuse on the part of any member of the family?  YES  NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, would a young visitor find this family supportive and understanding of difficulties in adjusting to strange customs, new foods, interpersonal relationships, etc.? Please give an overall assessment. If you have a son or daughter age 12-18, would you feel comfortable if your child were placed with this family?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this family to host a participant?  Very Strongly  Yes  With some hesitation  No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_