



Volunteer Application Character Reference Form

Please Indicate One:

Professional Reference

Peer Reference

Amate House (www.amatehouse.org) is a young adult volunteer program whose members make a yearlong commitment to live in a faith-based community and to work in underserved areas of the city of Chicago. They serve in parishes, schools and social service agencies. Besides working full-time in an inner city setting, the Volunteer will be living with a group of 7-12 other young adults in intentional community. Please assess the applicant on her/his ability and readiness to handle the demands of both challenging service work and community living. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated – all of your responses will remain confidential. You may answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper if you prefer.

Applicant's Name: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?
2. Briefly describe the applicant's personality.
3. What are the applicant's greatest gifts/talents/strengths?
4. What are the applicant's limitations/weaknesses/areas for growth? Do you see any potential areas of difficulty for this person in service or in intentional community?
5. How does the applicant respond to stressful situations or conflict? (Please cite an example.)
6. Please give an example of the applicant following through on a significant commitment.
7. Would you collaborate with the applicant again?

List three adjectives or descriptive phrases that come to mind when you think of the applicant.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Circle the number below which best describes your overall rating of the applicant.

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| 1 Very weak, should be discouraged | 2 Might be OK, with some reservations | 3 Recommended, no strong feelings |
| 4 Good, better than many | 5 Very good, no reservations | 6 Exceptional, rare find |

Is there anything else that you can share with us that would help us in evaluating this applicant or placing him/her at a particular work site? Please use the space below or attach a separate page.

Your Name:	Phone:
Address:	Email:
Signature (Type if submitted electronically):	Date:

Note: The Amate House Staff may contact you by phone or email to follow up on your reference.

This form can be emailed as an attachment to volunteer@amatehouse.org or can be mailed in a sealed & signed envelope to:
Attn: Application Reference
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