

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS
Founder-Acarya: His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Centre/Place: _____

Date: _____

OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION FOR GURU-ASHRAYA (SHELTER)

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To (Name of Diksa Guru): **Bhakti Ashraya Vaisnava Swami**

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It is my pleasure to recommend:

for being accepted by you for "Guru Ashraya" (Shelter). I find that he/she has fulfilled the necessary qualifications for shelter to the best of my understanding. Specifically, for the last six months or more he/she has been engaged in favourable devotional service, has chanted sixteen rounds of Japa daily, attending lectures daily and has adhered to the four regulative principles. He/she is sufficiently knowledgeable in the philosophy of Krsna consciousness and the structure and purpose of ISKCON for shelter, as evidenced by passing an examination as prescribed. Where applicable, the candidate has accepted Srila Prabhupada Ashraya for at least six months. These qualifications have either been observed by me personally or I have confirmed of them from reliable counsellor preacher in my temple/zone.

Your servant, _____ (Name) _____ (Title)

_____ (Place)

_____ (Date)

General and Spiritual Information

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Date of birth: ___/___/___ Male Female Age: ___ Nationality _____

Devotional services: _____ Occupation (if working): _____

Present Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone No: Home: _____ Office: _____ Fax: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone No: Home: _____ Office: _____ Fax: _____

Marriage status: Single Seeking Engaged Married Separated/ divorced Widow;

Name of spouse (if applicable): _____ Spouse KC Status _____

Name of children and their birth year / age: _____

Is child of ISKCON Devotee Yes No Devotee relative name: _____

Is in contact with Krishna consciousness for _____ years/months. Doesn't live in a temple

Yes, lives in a temple or temple community. Yes, is connected to a temple? _____

Is a member of a Nama Hatta? yes No. Follows 4/ _____ regulative principles for _____ years/months.

Chants Hare Krishna Japa for _____ years/months & 16/ _____ rounds for _____ Months/Years

Siksa Guru(s): _____ Guiding devotee(s): _____

E-mail (COM) Internet services

E-mail (personal/contact): _____

EXAMINATION TO QUALIFY FOR TAKING SHELTER OF AN INITIATING GURU

1. What are the qualifications of a bona fide spiritual master?
2. Do you believe the spiritual master speaks the absolute truth? If so, why?
3. What are the qualifications and responsibilities of a disciple?
4. What is the unique position of Srila Prabhupada in ISKCON?
5. Why do you accept Lord Krsna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead?
6. Why do we follow the four regulative principles?
7. Why do we chant Hare Krsna?
8. Explain the difference between the body and the self?
9. What is ISKCON, and why should one remain in ISKCON?
10. Is it important to maintain spiritual association with Krishna conscious devotees? If yes, why do you believe this? How will you stay in association?
11. What are the Bhagavad Gita's instructions in regard to the proper manner of approaching and dealing with a spiritual master? How do you intend to follow these instructions?

N.B. These questions are to be answered and duly checked and marked by the local temple president, BV/yatra leader, authorized initiation coordinator from the local ISKCON temple. However, you must send a copy to the office for reference.

Only the first page (recommendation with biodata) and answer sheet are to be sent to BAVS office to this email id <bavsofficemanager@gmail.com>