



**BHAKTI STEP APPLICATION
SRI GURU CARANA ASRAYA**



Center/Place:

Date:

**OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION FOR SRI GURU CARANA ASRAYA
(SHELTER)**

To (Name of Diksa Guru) :

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. It is my pleasure to recommend:

for being accepted by you for “**GURU ASRAYA**” (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 favorable devotional service, has chanted sixteen rounds of japa 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 under ISKCON Law. 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 heard of them from sources I know to be reliable.

Your servant,

Name :

Title :

Place :

Date :

Questionnaire for Sri Guru Carana Asraya

Please answer this questionnaire and attach along with Bhakti Step Application.

1. What are the qualifications of a bona fide spiritual master?
2. Why are you convinced to follow the orders of the spiritual master in this life, and even life after life?
3. Why does one worship the spiritual master like God?
4. Do you believe the spiritual master speaks the absolute truth? If so, why?
5. Under what circumstances should the spiritual master be rejected?
6. What are the qualifications and responsibilities of a disciple?
7. What is the unique position of Srila Prabhupada in ISKCON?
8. Why do you accept Lord Krsna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead?
9. Why do we follow the four regulative principles?
10. Why do we chant Hare Krsna?
11. What is the position of the GBC Body?
12. Explain the difference between the body and the self.
13. What is ISKCON, and why should one remain in ISKCON?
14. Have you read the paper "Harmonizing ISKCON's Lines of Authority"? What have you understood as the most important points of the "Harmonizing ISKCON's Lines of Authority" paper? (Ref. <http://gbc.iskcon.org/harmonizing-iskcons-lines-of-authority/>)
15. Have you read GBC Resolution 303/2013: GBC Statement on the Position of Srila Prabhupada? (Ref. <http://www.dandavats.com/wp-content/uploads/GBCresolutions/GBCRES13.html>)

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 can also send a copy to the office for reference.

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

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

E-mail (personal/contact): _____