

**Application
Rwanda Project USVI
2009**

Applicant Name: Zenobia Jade Howe

Address: [REDACTED] St John USVI 00831

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Name of Parent or Guardian: Alana St Louis

Parent/Guardian phone home phone: [REDACTED]

Cell phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

School: Giffit Hill School

Grade: 12th

Major area of Scholastic interest: Physical Therapy

Hobbies: Soccer, Swimming, Reading,

Club or School Organization Membership: St John Youth Committee

Community Service Work: St John Youth Committee, Christmas for the Animals, Flavors, St John Documentary.

Application Attachments

- 1 – 300 - 500 word essay: "Why I want to go to Rwanda to do Community Service work"
- 2 – Parent/Guardian permission slip
- 3 – Two letters of reference (teacher, pastor, principal, advisor, neighbor, community leader)
- 4 – Financial information form

Parent/Guardian Consent Form

I Alana St Louis (mother)_ parent/guardian do hereby give my consent
(please print or type)

for ___Zenobia Jade Howe___ to apply
(name of applicant)

to participate in Rwanda Project 2009.

I understand that by consenting, I agree that should the applicant named above be chosen,
he/she

will travel to Rwanda in July/August 2009 for about 15 days, with a group of 16 young
people

accompanied by four adult chaperones. *

Alana St Louis (mother)
Signed

* This is **not** the final consent form, but is required to determine that the applicant has
permission
to pursue involvement in this project and that you understand the nature of the project.

Financial Information

All participants will be required to travel with \$1200 for food and incidentals. This does not

include \$600 for gorilla permits.

In addition to the \$1800 (assuming you want to see the gorillas), how much money would you

anticipate being able to contribute to the other expenses (air fare, accommodations, transportation)? \$ 0.00

*This will **not** be a factor in determining who will be chosen for the project.*

However, the **\$1200 for food and incidentals** is required and **cannot** be obtained through

donations from community donors or benevolent organizations such as Rotary or Lions or

community foundations .*

* **Rwanda Project USVI** is dependent upon community donors and organizations for expenses

and project costs. We ask students to raise money through jobs, their own fund raising events,

church groups or parental/family support only.

Africa is not just a vacation for me; it's a chance for me to give back to my true homeland. Since I was old enough to understand slavery and the struggle that Africans went through, and African Americans after them, it has opened my eyes to the greatness Africa used to be. However, I believe that Africa still has the potential to be ten times more than what it is now. Things such as wars, the slave trade, and blood diamonds operations, over time, have demolished the rich pure land. I feel like it is not only morally correct but also my duty to give back and help out through community service. This is the best way I can assure that what I am giving will directly benefit the African Community.

In me there is so much culture, from African descent to Philipino to Trinidadian and much more. I love knowing my family and my roots; I believe it's good to know where you came from before you know where you are going, which is why my history plays a lot into my life. I have explored Trinidad my whole life and have visited the many other islands where my family resides. Although I am not aware of any family in Africa I know my roots hail from some tribe there, I may not be meeting them but I still want to help to make Africa a better place.

When I heard the stories of Malcolm X and Nelson Mandela I was empowered, they fought for what they believed in and set out to help the oppressed nation. I do not believe I can do much now but manual labor and that's fine. But in the future, during college or after, I hope to do much more. After getting the education I need to do so. It would be best for me to grasp this opportunity with the Rwanda Project, and come back with an even better understanding of the situation that affects the everyday lives of people going through this long standing epidemic.

To: UVI Rwanda Project
Fm: Jim Willen
Teacher
Giff Hill School, St. John, USVI

May 5, 2009

Re: Recommendation of Zenobia Howe

I strongly endorse Zenobia Howe for inclusion into the UVI's Rwanda project. I have known Zenobia for two years. I have had her as a student in my classes and currently have her in my home room. During that time, Zenobia has impressed me with her outgoing and friendly attitude and her affinity for sports. She has been on several sports teams, most recently on the Giff Hill women's basketball team.

Zenobia gets along well with her teachers and peers and would be an asset to any group activity. She has traveled extensively so going to Africa will not present a challenge to her but an adventure. I strongly recommend Zenobia for the UVI's Rwanda project.



Jim Willen
Giff Hill School
St. John, USVI, 00831
340 776 1730



Box 1657 • St. John, VI • 00831
Tel. (340)776-1730 • Fax (340)693-9926

Serving Preschool-12th Grade on St. John

May 3, 2009

Letter of Reference: Zenobia Howe

This letter is to support the application of Zenobia Howe for participation in the University of the Virgin Island's Rwanda Project. I have known Zenobia since middle school. Zenobia is a personable young lady who would be asset to the project.

Zenobia has a vivacious personality and is always willing to try something new. Well-liked by her fellow students and teachers, Zenobia's cheerful up-beat attitude always cheers up the class. Zenobia also plays on the school soccer team and has played on other island teams in the past couple of years. She has also demonstrated her organizational skills by planning prom for last year's graduating class.

Zenobia would be an a great ambassador for the Virgin Islands. She has the skills necessary for collaborative learning and problem solving, and would be a valuable member of the team.

Should you require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mary Willen

Mary Willen
Teacher
Giff Hill School