

**LOYOLA COLLEGE IN MARYLAND, INC.**  
**INFORMED CONSENT RELEASE**  
**FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE and DOMESTIC IMMERSION PROGRAMS**

I, (print student name) \_\_\_\_\_, am a student at Loyola College in Maryland, Inc. ("Loyola") and have decided to participate in the volunteer service via the College's Center for Community Service and Justice at (location) \_\_\_\_\_ ("\_\_\_\_\_") from (start date) \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 through (end date) \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive, as part of a my volunteer program (hereinafter referred to as the "Program").

I understand that I am not required to participate in the Program and that my participation is wholly voluntary. In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Program, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I agree as follows:

**1. Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims.** I understand and agree that there are certain dangers, hazards and risks inherent in volunteer work and activities included in the Program, including but not limited to risks of injury, permanent disability or death which may result from, among other things, the actions, failure to act or negligence of myself or others, weather conditions, conditions of equipment used, safety and maintenance of buildings, public spaces, transportation, language barriers, and communicable diseases. I understand that certain agencies which accept volunteers may be regarded as having high risk such as but not limited to, prisons, substance abuse facilities, health care facilities, AIDS hospices, homeless shelters and the like. Volunteering in "high risk" locations may require precautions such as health screenings and immunizations for TB (tuberculosis), Flu, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), and Hepatitis B. I further understand that the above risks are also associated with any activities I undertake during the duration of the Program which are not associated with the Program. I understand that Loyola cannot and does not assume responsibility for any personal injury, loss of life, property damage or other loss arising from my participation in the Program or in activities incident thereto. Accordingly, I voluntarily and without reservation agree, on behalf of my family, heirs and personal representative(s), to assume all risk for any such personal injury, loss of life, property damage or other loss and on behalf of myself, my heirs and my estate, RELEASE and HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY Loyola and its directors, officers, employees from and against any present or future liability, claims, demands, and causes of actions arising out of or related to any personal injury, loss of life, property damage or other loss sustained during my participation in the Program or in activities incident to the Program.

**2. Service Providers.** I understand that Loyola does not represent or act as an agent for the host agencies for whom my volunteer service will be performed in connection with the Program. I further understand and agree that Loyola, its directors, officers, employees and agents are not responsible or liable for (i) any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused or contributed to by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default by any company or person engaged in providing or performing services in connection with the Program, or (ii) any disruption of travel arrangements or any additional expense that may be incurred as a result thereof.

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3. **Standards of Conduct.** I agree to abide by the individual and group standards appropriate to the cultural setting of the Program, including local laws and standards of conduct, and to comply with any rules and regulations regarding student behavior promulgated by Loyola, whether or not such rules and regulations are specific to the Program.

4. **Health and Safety.**

A. I hereby certify that I have consulted with a medical doctor regarding my personal medical needs such that I can and do represent and warrant that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict my participation in the Program.

B. I am aware of all applicable personal medical needs, and I have or will secure comprehensive health and accident insurance which will provide adequate coverage for any injuries or illnesses that I may sustain or experience during my participation in the Program. I agree that Loyola cannot be and is not responsible for attending to any of my medical or medication needs and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore.

C. I am aware that one or more vaccinations may be required of all students participating in the Program. I hereby certify that to the extent they are required; I have obtained or will obtain such vaccination(s) prior to the commencement of the Program.

5. **Authorization to Use Image, Voice.** I give Loyola permission to reproduce and use for educational or promotional purposes any and all photographs, videos, movies, or sound recordings taken of me during my participation in the Program.

6. **Vehicles.** I understand that in order to perform my volunteer activities I may require transportation. I understand that Loyola College does not provide automobile liability insurance for vehicles that it does not own or lease; I understand that automobile liability insurance is the responsibility of the person owning the vehicle. In the event that I use a vehicle owned, rented, or leased by Loyola, I agree to abide by all of Loyola's policies regarding the use of its vehicles and to obtain and successfully complete the College's standard vehicle training prior to my first use of such vehicle(s).

7. **Governing Law; Severability; Entire Agreement.** I agree that this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, which shall be the forum for any dispute concerning my participation in the Program. The terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be severable, such that if a court of competent jurisdiction holds any term to be illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any law governing this Agreement, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby. This Agreement represents my complete understanding with Loyola concerning Loyola's responsibility and liability for my participation in the Program, supersedes any previous or contemporaneous understandings I may have had with Loyola on this subject, whether written or oral, and cannot be changed or amended in any way without my written concurrence.

I have read and understand this agreement and the contents of all written documents regarding the Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ (student signature)